1786 2.1 — D.3

1) R. MARTIN, TAYLOR SALE, R. PICKER (PLATE) VF-20 SOLD $1,210-
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4) R. AUGUST? ~~CR~~ N.E. SALE 7/23/76 LOT # 21 AS FINE-12 SMOOTH (PLATE) $260-, BUCKLEY COLL.
5) ANS COLL. VG OLD SCRAPE ACROSS HEAD.
6) FORD COLL., F.C. BOYD COLL., MILLER (PLATE) CROSBY ~~(PLATE)~~
7) YALE UNIVERSITY
8) BARNSLEY (EX. HESSBURG) C.N.L. FOUNDATION?
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1787 1.2-mm ANS ASCENSION 2005 B MUSCEY
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Update: Taxonomy Changes for a Family of Crude Connecticut Coppers

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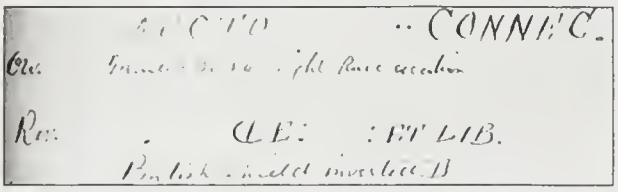

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It was not until the twentieth century that adjustments were made to accommodate these pieces into the Connecticut taxonomy. In the March 1964 issue of *The Colonial Newsletter*, Edward Barnsley assigned a Connecticut designation of 1786 variety 2.3-T to represent Betts No. 7, based on recommendation from Eric Newman, received March 28, 1963 in a personal communication. He also assigned 1786 variety 2.4-U to represent another specimen (found by A. D. Hoch in 1963) due to similarity in general appearance with the 2.3-T, but differing "in detail." It is presumed obverse type 2 was chosen because it is defined as mailed bust right with dots in legend.

Although well intentioned, assignment of these obverse varieties into the CT taxonomy under 1786 obverse type 2 was not ideal due to a conflict of definitions, specifically the number and placement of legend dots. The Crosby/Hall/Miller definition of a type 2 obverse has a legend AUCTORI • CONNEC • with the dots located only at the end of each phrase. Conversely, the Betts No. 7 (Barnsley's type 2.3-T) and the newer Hoch specimen (Barnsley's type 2.4-U) exhibited a legend • AUCTORI • • CONNEC • with dots preceding *and* following each phrase.

The Barnsley reverse variety assignments, however, were made consistent with legacy 1786 CT listings, which had previously designated only types A through S. Hence, types T and U were available for use. He referred to Betts' reverse legend definition for variety 2.3-T, INCE : : ET, but assigned to the more complete reverse legend, INCE : : ET LIB, the variety 2.4-U.

More additions were later made by Barnsley based on a 1975 communication to James Spilman, et al., titled "A Dossier on the Four Connecticut Counterfeits Dated 1786". He introduced two discovery specimens of crude CT coppers that were found among A. D. Hoch photographs and assigned them as CT 1786 variety 2.5-V and 1786 variety 2.6-BRI (sometimes referred to as 2.6-W).

The new variety 2.5-V also conflicted with type 2 obverse designations since its legend and punctuation suggested • AUCTORI • •• CONNEC • with an additional dot before the second phrase. The new reverse designation was assigned due to the presence of a final dot, making INCE : : ET LIB• (some details of the legend were obscured). This piece may have been Dr. Hall's "Betts die from Dr. Maris". Note all reverse T, U and V coins have obscured legends (in particular, IN is not clear).

Barnsley's insights into these coins, after the 1975 discovery of variety 2.5-V, are important. Regarding obverse 2.5, he notes, "It appears at first glance to have been struck from the same pair of dies used to strike 2.3-T." Regarding reverses T, U and V, he states, "There is a strong possibility that an optical comparison study of these three reverses will reveal that they are, in fact, all struck from the same die, and their apparent differences are due only to the miserable preservation of miserable strikings of miserable planchets."

The newly designated 1786 variety 2.6-BRI added yet another dimension to the puzzle. This new obverse's bust and lettering does not resemble the other three, although the legend appears consistent as • AUCTORI • • CONNEC • (on the discovery specimen, the first dot and letter A is obscured or not present). Photo overlay analysis gives some indication this obverse may have been reworked into the 2.3-2.4-2.5 obverses (based on bust and CONNEC details), but images available do not have enough resolution to be conclusive. The new reverse, designated BRI, was said by Barnsley to be "similar to but not exactly like" Betts No. 8, illustrated in 1886 as BRITA NIA. If the BRI reverse were to be found identical to Betts No. 8, it would represent a Connecticut obverse muled with a counterfeit half penny reverse within this grouping of crude coppers.

Barnsley's assignments were listed again by Jeff Rock in the May 1991 issue of *The Colonial Newsletter*. Although stable, these designations were being periodically reviewed for appropriateness, with no definitive position taken pending broader investigations into newly discovered, and potentially related, crude coppers.

Later Discoveries:

In 2005, as part of Stacks' sale of the John Ford Connecticut copper collection, a new obverse discovery piece was made known. Casually listed by the cataloger as another 1786 type 2.3-T, the coin is actually a new type of • AUCTORI • • CONNEC •, paired with the now familiar Barnsley reverse, with similar legend weaknesses but a clear date. It is distinguished by a long tailed R in AUCTORI and more ornate mail, wreath and hair details than early Barnsley listed obverses. Character spacing in the legend differs from prior obverses as well. But, the same sharp nose and pointed lips indicate a common hand was involved in Barnsley and Ford specimens.

In August 2010, Syd Martin located another new specimen very similar to the Ford obverse, with shared obverse legend and bust details (including long R) paired with the same reverse as Barnsley and Ford examples. While obverse mail and hair details are the same as Ford, very different nose and lip features are seen on this new example – more reminiscent of the Barnsley 2.6 obverse. Photo overlay shows the Ford and Martin specimens align perfectly in obverse bust and legend details, implying nose and lips were reworked between strikings. In addition, an important new reverse characteristic is seen on this specimen … a backwards N in INDE. All prior reverse T specimens had obscured N details in this area - while D was clearly backward, no indications were earlier seen other letters may have been similarly mirrored. Based on the Martin specimen, it is now suspected reverse T legends were cut as IИDE : : ET LIB• .

Discussion of Changes:

To straighten out the inconsistency of having assigned these obverses to 1786 type 2, a solution is proposed to reassign these obverses to a unique variety type.

The first step is to see what consolidation of these different obverse and reverse examples is possible. As Barnsley predicted, optical comparison of obverses 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 show they are, in fact, the same die. Mike Ringo, who extensively studied these crude coppers, stated in his 1999

Coinage of the Americas Conference, "There has since been much confusion among Connecticut specialists, because Barnsley also gave Miller numbers to three other similar examples of these crudely executed Connecticut counterfeits that he knew of, namely 2.4-U, 2.5-V, and 2.6-BRI. Upon closer examination, however, it is apparent that this obverse is a reworked 2.3 die. Also, the three reverse (T, U, and V) are all the same die, so the designations of these three varieties should be reconsidered."

Obverse Analysis and Consolidation:

The legacy Barnsley 1786 type 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 obverses – as well as the two recent discovery specimens – are being reassigned to a new obverse type, Miller 8.x, to avoid conflicting with the original Crosby/Hall/Miller 1786 obverse type 2 legend definition.

The Barnsley legacy obverses 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 are being consolidated into one obverse subtype, Miller 8.1. Refer to the following plates for images. The easiest obverse to interpret is specimen 8.1b (type 8.1, specimen b). It shows the most complete legend without errors in lettering or ornamentation, • AUCTORI • • CONNEC •. Image #1 (8.1b) on the following overlay plates shows this obverse next to image #2, a trace of its details. Specimen 8.1a, image #4, shows signs of chatter or double strike with respect to 8.1b, as seen in blundered ORI • details, and a badly damaged planchet. However, optical overlay analysis shows it is the same die used for both obverses. Image #7 shows the trace from image #2 overlayed on image #4. Head and bust details align, as do the wreath and most legend details. However, in order to address the blundered ORI • details, the overlayed trace needs to be rotated 5° clockwise, as seen in image #8. While this leaves all other legend and bust details misaligned, it verifies the die was double struck or chattered during striking.

The other legacy obverse, specimen 8.1c, shows double strike details in the bust, nose and dot before CONNEC with respect to 8.1b. Again, optical overlay shows the same die was used. Image #3 (8.1c) is supplemented with image #2 traces to form images #5 and #6. Image #5 aligns bust, facial details and right legend, but shows misalignment with left legend and wreath leaves. To achieve alignment in these areas, the trace must be rotated 10° counter-clockwise.

The two recent discovery coins form a different group and will be assigned the next sequential subtype, 8.2, since they share a reverse with Barnsley legacy obverses of type 8.1. Analysis of these obverses can be seen in images #9 to #16. In the top sequence, a trace is made of the specimen 8.2a and applied to specimen 8.2b. In the bottom sequence, a trace is made of 8.2b and applied to 8.2a. These overlays show the two are highly derivate, aligning in legend and bust details, but differ substantially in facial details, implying significant recutting. While a study of which obverse came first has yet to be done, it is clear these two obverses are unique with respect to legacy Barnsley obverses. The idea of splitting the 8.2a and 8.2b coins into different types was discussed due to the dramatic facial differences. The rules for how much rework is needed to result in a new type are not always clear. In an effort to keep expansion of these crude counterfeits at a minimum, it was decided to keep a single designation for both, noting the differences in descriptive text.

Lastly, the Barnsley 2.6 obverse (paired with British type reverse) remains unique and will be assigned a third subtype, 1786 obverse 8.3. Stylistically, it shares a facial outline similar to the type 8.2b specimen and legend similarity to the type 8.1 specimens, but overlay analysis of common features is inconclusive at this time.

Reverse Analysis and Consolidation:

Looking at consolidation of reverse varieties, similar results are found. Optical comparisons of Barnsley reverses T, U and V (also the recent discovery specimens) show all are from the same die, type T. Overlay images #17 to #26 show how this conclusion was reached.

Image #17 is the specimen Te reverse (type T, specimen e), which shows strong detail in the central figure and the backwards **N**. Image #18 is the Te trace. When this trace is applied to the specimen Tc reverse it results in image #20, showing good alignment in the **D** in **INDE**, effigy details, exergue and **E** in **ETLIB**. Note the small trace line under the branch hand, which aligns with the bottom of the armpit. While the Tc coin was doubled in obverse features, no obvious signs of doubling are seen on the reverse.

However, more mixed alignment results are seen comparing the Te reverse trace with the three remaining specimens, Ta, Tb and Td. Applying the Te overlay to the specimen Td reverse (images #21 and #22) shows good alignment on effigy details and exergue but shows misalignment in left legend **NDE** and a shift in position of the branch hand with respect to the effigy. Unlike image #20, the small trace line under the branch hand now aligns with the top of the effigy armpit. It is also not clear if the Td **N** is backwards (as it is on the Te coin).

Applying the Te reverse trace to Ta (images #23 and #24) and Tb #2 (images #25 and #26) show the same alignment issues found on the Td reverse … notably the misalignment of branch hand and left legend **NDE**. Note the right legend does align reasonably well, as seen also with the Tc coin. One is lead to suspect a progression of die rework is at hand, although it needs to be remembered several of the corresponding obverses had signs of doubling or chatter not obvious on the reverses. While a study of which reverse came first has yet to be done, it is clear these five reverses are struck from a common die and will be consolidated as 1786 reverse type T.

Using optical overlay analysis, the 1786 Connecticut reverse known as BRI and the Betts No. 8 counterfeit halfpence reverse are also shown to use the same die. The designation BRI will be retained as a good way to clarify the reverse has a **BRITA NNIA** legend instead of the usual Connecticut **INDE ETLIB** legend. Type 8.3-BRI (Barnsley 2.6-BRI) is the only known pairing of an **AUCTORI CONNEC** type obverse with a **BRITA NNIA** type reverse. Note: this specimen reverse shows doubling in exergue and date. Since the 1786 Connecticut 8.3-BRI and Betts No. 8 share a common **BRITA NNIA** reverse, the Betts No. 8 obverse will be included in the detailed descriptions as a counterfeit halfpence obverse muled with a Connecticut reverse.

Betts No. 8 was later assigned an additional name by Robert Vlack in 1974. In his *Early English Counterfeit Halfpence Struck in America* plate, Vlack assigned designation 16-86A to describe Betts No 8. (i.e. obverse 16 and reverse 86A, since it is dated 1786). He also assigned the designation CT-86A to the Connecticut obverse (CT 8.3) paired with the 86A reverse (CT BRI).

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Summary:

The decision to have included these coins in the formal Crosby/Hall/Miller taxonomy can be second guessed, of course. They remain dubious examples of Connecticut coppers, but are very rare and stimulate interesting conversation. Since Edward Barnsley chose to include them in 1964, and he is a highly respected member of the Connecticut research community, it seems better to adjust his placement in the series rather than remove the coins entirely. A summary of the proposed changes is shown below.

One interesting note on these specimens is the prevalence of strike anomalies, which appear to be due to either chatter or double striking. This results in minor variations in legend and bust details, which overlay analysis can accommodate as part of positional variations. This appears to imply a less sophisticated strike process was used than would be expected from a screw press. Future analysis needs to investigate if an alternative process, such as hammer striking, was used.

Proposed Taxonomy Revisions:

1) 1786 obverse varieties 2.1 and 2.2 remain unchanged.
2) 1786 obverse variety 8.1 will be assigned to the consolidated varieties 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.
3) 1786 obverse variety 8.2 will be assigned to both recent discovery specimens.
4) 1786 obverse variety 8.3 will be assigned to the obverse previously known as 2.6.
5) 1786 reverse variety T will be assigned to varieties T, U, V and both recent discoveries.
6) 1786 reverse variety BRI will be kept as analogous to Betts No 8 (Vlack reverse 86A).

Known Specimens/Combinations

Obverse	Reverse	Comments
8.1a	Ta	Barnsley 2.3-T, Betts 7 (private)
8.1b	Tb	Barnsley 2.4-U (ANS)
8.1c	Tc	Barnsley 2.5-V (Newman)
8.2a	Td	Stacks Ford 2.3-T (private)
8.2b	Te	Recent Discovery (private)
8.2c	BRI	Recent Discovery (private)
8.3	BRI	Barnsley 2.6-BRI, Vlack CT-86A (Newman)

Why are these sometimes known as Bungtowns ?

Eric Newman, in his 1976 *English and Bungtown Halfpence*, states, "The expression Bungtown coppers was originally intended and used to apply to counterfeit English halfpence produced during the 1784-85 period in North Swansea, Massachusetts. It was quickly expanded by New Englanders so that by 1787, it meant any counterfeit halfpence as indicated by its first mention in writing. By the early nineteenth-century its meaning broadened and it was used as a comical expression to refer to any worthless or unacceptable copper coin circulating in America." Bungtown should not be interpreted as referring to a specific mint.

Association of these specific crude imitation Connecticut coins with the term "bungtown" was made by Walter Breen in his 1988 *Complete Encyclopedia of US and Colonial Coins* as the description for coins #761 (2.3-T), #762 (2.4-U) and #975 (Vlack 16-86A). He classified 761 and 762 under the heading "Bungtown Mints (North Swansea, Mass. ?)" and 975 under an expanded section entitled *The Bungtown Mints*. Since then, the term "bungtown" has been used colloquially when referring to these crude coppers, as well as a generic term for crude, low volume counterfeit coins and minting locations.

1) 8.1b Obverse

2) 8.1b Obverse Trace

3) 8.1c Obverse

4) 8.1a Obverse

5) 8.1c Obverse with 8.1b Overlay 6) 8.1c Obv & 8.1b Overlay Rotated 10° ccw

7) 8.1a Obverse with 8.1b Overlay

8) 8.1a with 8.1b Overlay Rotated 5° cw

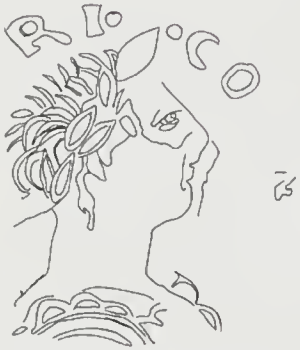
9) 8.2a Obverse

10) 8.2a Obverse Trace

11) 8.2b Obverse

12) 8.2b Obverse with 8.2a Overlay

13) 8.2b Obverse



14) 8.2b Obverse Trace

15) 8.2a Obverse

16) 8.2a Obverse with 8.2b Overlay

17) 8.2c Obverse

18) 8.2c Obverse Trace

19) 8.2a Obverse

17) Te Reverse

18) Te Reverse Trace

19) Te Reverse

20) Te Reverse with Te Overlay

21) Td Reverse

22) Td Reverse with Te Overlay

23) Ta Reverse

24) Ta Reverse with Te Overlay

25) Tb Reverse

26) Tb Reverse with Te Overlay

1786 Obverse 8.1

Bust Right	Mailed	• AUCTORI •	• CONNEC •

Deviations between specimens appear due to strike nuances. Crudely cut. Hair made with scalloped details. Twelve leaves in wreath. Scalloped curls on face side of wreath. Sharp nose and pursed lips. Mail comprised of horizontal, long looped shoulder armor with vertical plate details underneath and on chest. Fillet ends opposite A in AUCTORI. AUC closely spaced. U leans right. C's crescent shaped. T high, leaning left. Tail of R close to I, which leans left. CONNEC close to edge dentils. Large dots in legend. Break develops on nose near eye.

8.1a) Previously designated Obverse 2.3 and Betts No 7
Double Struck, R in AUCTORI doubled

8.1b) Previously designated Obverse 2.4

8.1c) Previously designated Obverse 2.5
Double struck bust, third dot and nose

8.1d) Recent Specimen [Same Group ?]

Varieties: 8.1-T (aka. Betts No 7)

1786 Obverse 8.2

Bust Right	Mailed	• AUCTORI •	• CONNEC •

Large curl hair features, parted in the middle and outlined at top. Seven leaves in wreath ending with a large, split leaf on top. Prominent curl on neck at base of hair, under ear. Fillet ends are opposite A and first dot. Mail comprised of arcing shoulder features with a series of looped details. AUC widely spaced. Wide R, with very long tail. I distant from R and leaning right. CONN widely spaced. Specimen "a" shows sharp nose and protruding pointed lips. Specimen "b" shows blunt nose and recessed lips, but otherwise aligns with specimen "a" bust and legend details.

8.2a) Recent Paired with T (Obv 2.3 in Ford)

8.2b) Recent Paied with T

8.2c) Paired with BRI
[Possibly Double Struck]

Varieties: 8.2-T, 8.2-BRI

1786 Obverse 8.3 (aka. Vlack CT)

Bust Right	Mailed	• AUCTORI •	• CONNEC •

Presence of dot and A before UCTORI not confirmed. Small dot after AUCTORI, larger dot before and after CONNEC. Conventional radial hair features. Seven large leaves in wreath. Crude eye oddly placed. Nose details rounded. Fillet ends thin. Mail comprised of conventional shoulder plates, with jagged frill at far right. OR widely spaced. R with tail close to I, which is low.

Previously designated Obverse 2.6

8.3) Recent Specimen

Varieties: 8.3-BRI (aka. Vlack CT-86A)

1786 Reverse T

INDE :	: ETLIB :

Effigy leans decidedly backward from the waist. Shield leans dramatically left with Britannia detail. Long thin pole arm. Short branch hand points at E in INDE. Branch with small, round leaves. D always backwards. N confirmed backwards on specimen "e" but not confirmed on others. Double date line. Scant to no globe details. Dies always weak at lower left corner, obscuring beginning of legend and any prior ornamentation. Specimen "d" clearly shows a final colon. Specimens "c" and "e" show rotation of ɑ and branch hand with respect to effigy compared to other specimens.

Ta) Previously designated Reverse T and Betts No 7

Tb) Previously designated Reverse U

Tc) Previously designated Reverse V

Td) Recent Specimen (Reverse T in Stacks Ford)

Te) Recent Specimen

Tf) Recent Specimen

Varieties: 8.1-T (aka. Betts No 7), 8.2-T

1786 Reverse BRI (aka. Vlack 86A)

BRITA	NNIA

Reverse figure seated on globe, seven radial stripes on shield without fimbriation, BRITA NNIA lettering closely spaced. Effigy more erect than with reverse T. BRITA lettering poorly placed, IT low. Shield leans dramatically left with Britannia detail. Crude, wide pole arm. Long neck. Short branch hand points at A in BRITA. Branch long with narrow leaf (spike) details. Double date line. Scant to no globe details.

Paired with CT Obverse 8.3

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[Double Struck]

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1786 Obverse Vlack 16

GEORGIVS	III REX

Muled with Connecticut reverse type BRI. Crude armored bust right. **GEORGIVS III REX**. Broad face. Seven leaves in wreath. Arcing hair detail. Small, pointed lips. Samples appear weak at lower left and right obscuring beginning and end of obverse legend. Die break vertical from **S** down through back of head to neck.

Paired with Vlack 86A

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Varieties: Betts No 8 (aka. Vlack 16-86A). Vlack Reverse 86A also known as 1786 CT Reverse BRI.

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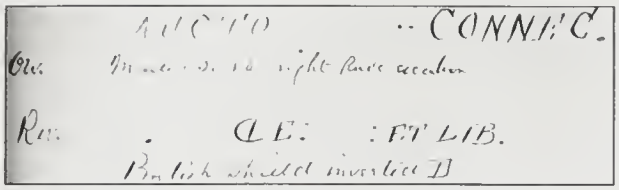

Dr. Thomas Hall, Unpublished Manuscript

It was not until the twentieth century that adjustments were made to accommodate these pieces into the Connecticut taxonomy. In the March 1964 issue of *The Colonial Newsletter*, Edward Barnsley assigned a Connecticut designation of 1786 variety 2.3-T to represent Betts No. 7, based on recommendation from Eric Newman, received March 28, 1963 in a personal communication. He also assigned 1786 variety 2.4-U to represent another specimen (found by A. D. Hoch in 1963) due to similarity in general appearance with the 2.3-T, but differing "in detail." It is presumed obverse type 2 was chosen because it is defined as mailed bust right with dots in legend.

Although well intentioned, assignment of these obverse varieties into the CT taxonomy under 1786 obverse type 2 was not ideal due to a conflict of definitions, specifically the number and placement of legend dots. The Crosby/Hall/Miller definition of a type 2 obverse has a legend AUCTORI • CONNEC • with the dots located only at the end of each phrase. Conversely, the Betts No. 7 (Barnsley's type 2.3-T) and the newer Hoch specimen (Barnsley's type 2.4-U) exhibited a legend • AUCTORI • • CONNEC • with dots preceding *and* following each phrase.

The Barnsley reverse variety assignments, however, were made consistent with legacy 1786 CT listings, which had previously designated only types A through S. Hence, types T and U were available for use. He referred to Betts' reverse legend definition for variety 2.3-T, INCE : : ET, but assigned to the more complete reverse legend, INCE : : ET LIB, the variety 2.4-U.

More additions were later made by Barnsley based on a 1975 communication to James Spilman, et al., titled "A Dossier on the Four Connecticut Counterfeits Dated 1786". He introduced two discovery specimens of crude CT coppers that were found among A. D. Hoch photographs and assigned them as CT 1786 variety 2.5-V and 1786 variety 2.6-BRI (sometimes referred to as 2.6-W).

The new variety 2.5-V also conflicted with type 2 obverse designations since its legend and punctuation suggested • AUCTORI • •• CONNEC • with an additional dot before the second phrase. The new reverse designation was assigned due to the presence of a final dot, making INCE : : ET LIB• (some details of the legend were obscured). This piece may have been Dr. Hall's "Betts die from Dr. Maris". Note all reverse T, U and V coins have obscured legends (in particular, IN is not clear).

Barnsley's insights into these coins, after the 1975 discovery of variety 2.5-V, are important. Regarding obverse 2.5, he notes, "It appears at first glance to have been struck from the same pair of dies used to strike 2.3-T." Regarding reverses T, U and V, he states, "There is a strong possibility that an optical comparison study of these three reverses will reveal that they are, in fact, all struck from the same die, and their apparent differences are due only to the miserable preservation of miserable strikings of miserable planchets."

The newly designated 1786 variety 2.6-BRI added yet another dimension to the puzzle. This new obverse's bust and lettering does not resemble the other three, although the legend appears consistent as • AUCTORI • • CONNEC • (on the discovery specimen, the first dot and letter A is obscured or not present). Photo overlay analysis gives some indication this obverse may have been reworked into the 2.3-2.4-2.5 obverses (based on bust and CONNEC details), but images available do not have enough resolution to be conclusive. The new reverse, designated BRI, was said by Barnsley to be "similar to but not exactly like" Betts No. 8, illustrated in 1886 as BRITA NIA. If the BRI reverse were to be found identical to Betts No. 8, it would represent a Connecticut obverse muled with a counterfeit half penny reverse within this grouping of crude coppers.

Barnsley's assignments were listed again by Jeff Rock in the May 1991 issue of *The Colonial Newsletter*. Although stable, these designations were being periodically reviewed for appropriateness, with no definitive position taken pending broader investigations into newly discovered, and potentially related, crude coppers.

Later Discoveries:

In 2005, as part of Stacks' sale of the John Ford Connecticut copper collection, a new obverse discovery piece was made known. Casually listed by the cataloger as another 1786 type 2.3-T, the coin is actually a new type of • AUCTORI • • CONNEC •, paired with the now familiar Barnsley reverse, with similar legend weaknesses but a clear date. It is distinguished by a long tailed R in AUCTORI and more ornate mail, wreath and hair details than the early Barnsley listed obverses. Character spacing in the legend differs from prior obverses as well. But, the same sharp nose and pointed lips indicate a common hand was involved in Barnsley and Ford specimens.

In August 2010, Syd Martin located another new specimen very similar to the Ford obverse, with shared obverse legend and bust details (including long R) paired with the same reverse as Barnsley and Ford examples. While obverse mail and hair details are the same as Ford, very different nose and lip features are seen on this new example – more reminiscent of the Barnsley 2.6 obverse. Photo overlay shows the Ford and Martin specimens align perfectly in obverse bust and legend details, implying nose and lips were reworked between strikings. In addition, an important new reverse characteristic is seen on this specimen … a backwards N in INDE. All prior reverse T specimens had obscured N details in this area - while D was clearly backward, no indications were earlier seen other letters may have been similarly mirrored. Based on the Martin specimen, it is now suspected reverse T legends were cut as IИᗡE : : ET LIB• .

Discussion of Changes:

To straighten out the inconsistency of having assigned these obverses to 1786 type 2, a solution is proposed to reassign these obverses to a unique variety type.

The first step is to see what consolidation of these different obverse and reverse examples is possible. As Barnsley predicted, optical comparison of obverses 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 show they are, in fact, the same die. Mike Ringo, who extensively studied these crude coppers, stated in his 1999

Coinage of the Americas Conference, "There has since been much confusion among Connecticut specialists, because Barnsley also gave Miller numbers to three other similar examples of these crudely executed Connecticut counterfeits that he knew of, namely 2.4-U, 2.5-V, and 2.6-BRl. Upon closer examination, however, it is apparent that this obverse is a reworked 2.3 die. Also, the three reverse (T, U, and V) are all the same die, so the designations of these three varieties should be reconsidered."

Obverse Analysis and Consolidation:

The legacy Barnsley 1786 type 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 obverses – as well as the two recent discovery specimens – are being reassigned to a new obverse type, Miller 8.x, to avoid conflicting with the original Crosby/Hall/Miller 1786 obverse type 2 legend definition.

The Barnsley legacy obverses 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 are being consolidated into one obverse subtype, Miller 8.1. Refer to the following plates for images. The easiest obverse to interpret is specimen 8.1b (type 8.1, specimen b). It shows the most complete legend without errors in lettering or ornamentation, • AUCTORI • • CONNEC •. Image #1 (8.1b) on the following overlay plates shows this obverse next to image #2, a trace of its details. Specimen 8.1a, image #4, shows signs of chatter or double strike with respect to 8.1b, as seen in blundered ORI • details, and a badly damaged planchet. However, optical overlay analysis shows it is the same die used for both obverses. Image #7 shows the trace from image #2 overlayed on image #4. Head and bust details align, as do the wreath and most legend details. However, in order to address the blundered ORI • details, the overlayed trace needs to be rotated 5° clockwise, as seen in image #8. While this leaves all other legend and bust details misaligned, it verifies the die was double struck or chattered during striking.

The other legacy obverse, specimen 8.1c, shows double strike details in the bust, nose and dot before CONNEC with respect to 8.1b. Again, optical overlay shows the same die was used. Image #3 (8.1c) is supplemented with image #2 traces to form images #5 and #6. Image #5 aligns bust, facial details and right legend, but shows misalignment with left legend and wreath leaves. To achieve alignment in these areas, the trace must be rotated 10° counter-clockwise.

The two recent discovery coins form a different group and will be assigned the next sequential subtype, 8.2, since they share a reverse with Barnsley legacy obverses of type 8.1. Analysis of these obverses can be seen in images #9 to #16. In the top sequence, a trace is made of the specimen 8.2a and applied to specimen 8.2b. In the bottom sequence, a trace is made of 8.2b and applied to 8.2a. These overlays show the two are highly derivate, aligning in legend and bust details, but differ substantially in facial details, implying significant recutting. While a study of which obverse came first has yet to be done, it is clear these two obverses are unique with respect to legacy Barnsley obverses. The idea of splitting the 8.2a and 8.2b coins into different types was discussed due to the dramatic facial differences. The rules for how much rework is needed to result in a new type are not always clear. In an effort to keep expansion of these crude counterfeits at a minimum, it was decided to keep a single designation for both, noting the differences in descriptive text.

Lastly, the Barnsley 2.6 obverse (paired with British type reverse) remains unique and will be assigned a third subtype, 1786 obverse 8.3. Stylistically, it shares a facial outline similar to the type 8.2b specimen and legend similarity to the type 8.1 specimens, but overlay analysis of common features is inconclusive at this time.

Reverse Analysis and Consolidation:

Looking at consolidation of reverse varieties, similar results are found. Optical comparisons of Barnsley reverses T, U and V (also the recent discovery specimens) show all are from the same die, type T. Overlay images #17 to #26 show how this conclusion was reached.

Image #17 is the specimen Te reverse (type T, specimen e), which shows strong detail in the central figure and the backwards N. Image #18 is the Te trace. When this trace is applied to the specimen Tc reverse it results in image #20, showing good alignment in the D in INDE, effigy details, exergue and E in ETLIB. Note the small trace line under the branch hand, which aligns with the bottom of the armpit. While the Tc coin was doubled in obverse features, no obvious signs of doubling are seen on the reverse.

However, more mixed alignment results are seen comparing the Te reverse trace with the three remaining specimens, Ta, Tb and Td. Applying the Te overlay to the specimen Td reverse (images #21 and #22) shows good alignment on effigy details and exergue but shows misalignment in left legend NDE and a shift in position of the branch hand with respect to the effigy. Unlike image #20, the small trace line under the branch hand now aligns with the top of the effigy armpit. It is also not clear if the Td N is backwards (as it is on the Te coin).

Applying the Te reverse trace to Ta (images #23 and #24) and Tb #2 (images #25 and #26) show the same alignment issues found on the Td reverse … notably the misalignment of branch hand and left legend NDE. Note the right legend does align reasonably well, as seen also with the Tc coin. One is lead to suspect a progression of die rework is at hand, although it needs to be remembered several of the corresponding obverses had signs of doubling or chatter not obvious on the reverses. While a study of which reverse came first has yet to be done, it is clear these five reverses are struck from a common die and will be consolidated as 1786 reverse type T.

Using optical overlay analysis, the 1786 Connecticut reverse known as BRI and the Betts No. 8 counterfeit halfpence reverse are also shown to use the same die. Note the Newman BRI reverse shows doubling in exergue and date. The designation BRI will be retained as a good way to clarify the reverse has a BRITA NNIA legend instead of the usual Connecticut INDE ETLIB legend. Type 8.3-BRI (Barnsley 2.6-BRI) is the only known pairing of an AUCTORI CONNEC type obverse with a BRITA NNIA type reverse. Since the 1786 Connecticut 8.3-BRI and counterfeit halfpence Betts No. 8 share a common BRITA NNIA reverse, the Betts No. 8 obverse will be included in the detailed descriptions as an obverse muled with a shared Connecticut reverse.

Counterfeit halfpence Betts No. 8 was assigned an additional name by Robert Vlack in 1974. In his *Early English Counterfeit Halfpence Struck in America* plate, Vlack assigned designation 16-86A to describe Betts No 8. (i.e. obverse 16 and reverse 86A, since it is dated 1786). He also assigned the designation CT-86A for the Connecticut obverse paired with the same reverse.

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Summary:

The decision to have included these coins in the formal Crosby/Hall/Miller taxonomy can be second guessed, of course. They remain dubious examples of Connecticut coppers, but are very rare and stimulate interesting conversation. Since Edward Barnsley chose to include them in 1964, and he is a highly respected member of the Connecticut research community, it seems better to adjust his placement in the series rather than remove the coins entirely. A summary of the proposed changes is shown below.

One interesting note on these specimens is the prevalence of strike anomalies, which appear to be due to either chatter or double striking. This results in minor variations in legend and bust details, which overlay analysis can accommodate as part of positional variations. This appears to imply a less sophisticated strike process was used than would be expected from a screw press. Future analysis needs to investigate if an alternative process, such as hammer striking, was used.

Proposed Taxonomy Revisions:

1) 1786 obverse varieties 2.1 and 2.2 remain unchanged.
2) 1786 obverse variety 8.1 will be assigned to the consolidated varieties 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5.
3) 1786 obverse variety 8.2 will be assigned to both recent discovery specimens.
4) 1786 obverse variety 8.3 will be assigned to the obverse previously known as 2.6.
5) 1786 reverse variety T will be assigned to varieties T, U, V and both recent discoveries.
6) 1786 reverse variety BRI will be kept as analogous to Betts No 8 (Vlack reverse 86A).

Known Specimens/Combinations

Obverse	Reverse	Comments
8.1a	Ta	Barnsley 2.3-T, Betts 7 (private)
8.1b	Tb	Barnsley 2.4-U (ANS)
8.1c	Tc	Barnsley 2.5-V (Newman)
8.2a	Td	Stacks Ford 2.3-T (private)
8.2b	Te	Recent Discovery (private)
8.3	BRI	Barnsley 2.6-BRI, Vlack CT-86A (Newman)

Why are these sometimes known as Bungtowns ?

Eric Newman, in his 1976 *English and Bungtown Halfpence*, states, "The expression Bungtown coppers was originally intended and used to apply to counterfeit English halfpence produced during the 1784-85 period in North Swansea, Massachusetts. It was quickly expanded by New Englanders so that by 1787, it meant any counterfeit halfpence as indicated by its first mention in writing. By the early nineteenth-century its meaning broadened and it was used as a comical expression to refer to any worthless or unacceptable copper coin circulating in America." Bungtown should not be interpreted as referring to a specific mint.

Association of these specific crude imitation Connecticut coins with the term "bungtown" was made by Walter Breen in his 1988 *Complete Encyclopedia of US and Colonial Coins* as the description for coins #761 (2.3-T), #762 (2.4-U) and #975 (Vlack 16-86A). He classified 761 and 762 under the heading "Bungtown Mints (North Swansea, Mass. ?)" and 975 under an expanded section entitled *The Bungtown Mints*. Since then, the term "bungtown" has been used colloquially when referring to these crude coppers, as well as a generic term for crude, low volume counterfeit coins and minting locations.

1) 8.1b Obverse

2) 8.1b Obverse Trace

3) 8.1c Obverse

4) 8.1a Obverse

5) 8.1c Obverse with 8.1b Overlay

6) 8.1c Obv & 8.1b Overlay Rotated 10° ccw

7) 8.1a Obverse with 8.1b Overlay

8) 8.1a with 8.1b Overlay Rotated 5° cw

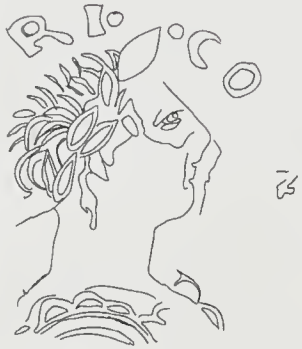
9) 8.2a Obverse

10) 8.2a Obverse Trace

11) 8.2b Obverse

12) 8.2b Obverse with 8.2a Overlay

13) 8.2b Obverse



14) 8.2b Obverse Trace

15) 8.2a Obverse

16) 8.2a Obverse with 8.2b Overlay

17) Te Reverse

18) Te Reverse Trace

19) Tc Reverse

20) Tc Reverse with Te Overlay

21) Td Reverse

22) Td Reverse with Te Overlay

23) Ta Reverse

24) Ta Reverse with Te Overlay

25) Tb Reverse

26) Tb Reverse with Te Overlay

1786 Obverse 8.1

Bust Right	Mailed	• AUCTORI •	• CONNEC •

Previously designated 1786 obverses 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5, recent investigations show they are produced from one die; furthermore they do not conform to legend and punctuation definitions of Miller 1786 type 2. Deviations between specimens are due to strike nuances. Crudely cut. Hair made with scalloped details. Twelve leaves in wreath. Scalloped curls on face side of wreath. Sharp nose and pursed lips. Mail comprised of horizontal, long looped shoulder armor with vertical plate details underneath and on chest. Fillet ends opposite A in AUCTORI. AUC closely spaced. U leans right. C's crescent shaped. T high, leaning left. Tail of R close to I, which leans left. CONNEC close to edge dentils. Large dots in legend. Bulge develops between mail and final C. Break develops on nose near eye.

8.1a) Previously designated Obverse 2.3 and Betts No 7
Double Struck, R in AUCTORI doubled

8.1b) Previously designated Obverse 2.4

8.1c) Previously designated Obverse 2.5
Double struck bust, third dot and nose

Varieties: 8.1-T (aka. Betts No 7)

1786 Obverse 8.2

Bust Right	Mailed	• AUCTORI •	• CONNEC •

Obverse does not conform to legend and punctuation definitions of Miller 1786 type 2 due to large dot before and after AUCTORI and CONNEC. Large curl hair features, parted in the middle and outlined at top. Seven leaves in wreath ending with a large, split leaf on top. Prominent curl on neck at base of hair, under ear. Fillet ends are opposite A and first dot. Mail comprised of arcing shoulder features with a series of looped details. AUC widely spaced. Wide R, with very long tail. I distant from R and leaning right. CONN widely spaced. Specimen "a" shows sharp nose and protruding pointed lips. Specimen "b" shows blunt nose and recessed lips, but otherwise aligns with specimen "a" bust and legend details.

8.2a) Recent Specimen (Obverse 2.3 in Stacks Ford)

8.2b) Recent Specimen

Varieties: 8.2-T

1786 Obverse 8.3 (aka. Vlack CT)

Bust Right	Mailed	• AUCTORI •	• CONNEC •

Previously designated 1786 obverse 2.6, this unique obverse does not conform to legend and punctuation definitions of Miller 1786 type 2. Presence of dot and A before UCTORI not confirmed, but presumed. Small dot after AUCTORI, larger dot before and after CONNEC. First dot and A uncertain. Conventional radial hair features. Seven large leaves in wreath. Crude eye oddly placed. Nose details rounded. Fillet ends thin, placement uncertain. Mail comprised of conventional shoulder plates, with jagged frill at far right. OR widely spaced. R with long tail close to I, which is low.

Previously designated Obverse 2.6

Varieties: 8.3-BRI (aka. Vlack CT-86A)

1786 Reverse BRI (aka. Vlack 86A)

BRITA	NNIA

Reverse figure seated on globe, seven radial stripes on shield without fimbriation, **BRITA NNIA** so divided and closely spaced, date 1786 in exergue. Effigy more erect than with reverse T. **BRITA** lettering poorly placed, **IT** low. Shield leans dramatically left with Britannia detail. Crude, wide pole arm. Long neck. Short branch hand points at **A** in **BRITA**. Branch long with narrow leaf (spike) details. Double cut date and date line. Scant to no globe details. British shield. Betts No. 8 was later assigned designation Vlack 16-86A in Robert Vlack's 1974 *Early English Counterfeit Halfpence Struck in America* photographic plates.

Paired with CT Obverse 8.3

Paired with Vlack 16

Paired with Vlack 16

Varieties: 8.3-BRI (aka. Vlack CT-86A), Betts No 8 (aka. Vlack 16-86A)

1786 Obverse Vlack 16

GEORGIVS	III REX

Muled with Connecticut reverse type BRI. Extremely rude armored bust right. **GEORGIVS III REX**. Broad face. Eight leaves in wreath. Finely detailed hair. Small lips. All samples appear weak at lower left and right obscuring beginning and end of obverse legend. Die break vertical from **S** down through back of head. Betts No. 8 was later assigned designation Vlack 16-86A in Robert Vlack's 1974 *Early English Counterfeit Halfpence Struck in America* photographic plates.

Paired with Vlack 86A

Paired with Vlack 86A

Varieties: Betts No 8 (aka. Vlack 16-86A). Vlack Reverse 86A also known as 1786 CT Reverse BRI.

1786 Reverse T

INDE :	: ETLIB :

Effigy leans decidedly backward from the waist. Shield leans dramatically left with Britannia detail. Long thin pole arm. Short branch hand points at E in INDE. Branch with small, round leaves. D always backwards N confirmed backwards on specimen "e" but not confirmed on others. Double date line. Scant to no globe details. British shield. Dies always weak at lower left corner, obscuring beginning of legend and any prior ornamentation. Specimen "d" clearly shows a final colon. Specimens "c" and "e" show rotation of ɑ and branch hand with respect to effigy compared to other specimens.

Ta) Previously designated Reverse T and Betts No 7

Tb) Previously designated Reverse U

Tc) Previously designated Reverse V

Td) Recent Specimen (Reverse T in Stacks Ford)

Te) Recent Specimen

Varieties: 8.1-T (aka. Betts No 7), 8.2-T

1-E

PINE TREE 'EAC '75' SALE FEB 15, 1975

1785

UNLOCATED PRIVATE MINT MAILED BUST RIGHT DESIGN EAC'75

1 **1785. Miller 1-E.** (High R-6). Both legends punctuated with periods; smallest seated figure and date. **Better than VG, some details of Fine sharpness,** some of similar sharpness to the Appleton—Mass. Historical Society coin (Stack's, Oct. 1970), called VF. Mostly rather dark brown patina, devices highlighted; free of noticeable planchet defects or of any blemish aside from honest wear; moderately smooth planchet (probably struck on a cast blank). **One of three finest we have seen,** the other two being the Hoch Plate and Appleton coins. Attribution on face in red ink as with many Connecticuts from old collections. **(Photo)** **($250–up)** $150

SEE BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE $150

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BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

TOO WEAK DARK BROWN LIGHTER TAN DEVICES

$99 –

NORWEB

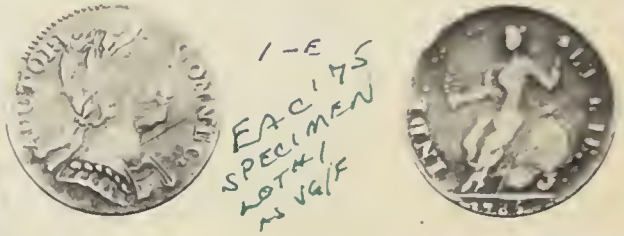
2460 **1785 Connecticut. Miller 1-E.** VF-20 F-12. Rarity-5. 141.5 grains. 28.9mm. 180. Medium golden brown. Reverse off center, as usually seen in this combination, and softly struck (see Taylor 2292 for a very similar example).

Purchased for Albert Holden's estate between 1913-1915

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1988)

738 1785 Similar, periods in legends. Very rare.

Miller 1-E, allegedly a mint alteration of 6.3-G.1. ANS's weighs 130 grs. = 8.428 gms.



1-E EAC'75 SPECIMEN LOT #1 IN SALE

1785 M 1-E
Among The Finest Known

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OBV. OK VF 30+ REV. FAIR JUST VF

SMALL DENT

TAYLOR

2292 **1785 Connecticut. Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right.** 156.1 grains. 180. **R-5. EF-40/VF-30.** Overall grade probably EF-40, as the reverse is always weakly struck. Finer than the Stack's M.H.S. or the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimens. Smooth obverse surface, reverse somewhat rougher. Tiny field nick beneath first M on obverse. Small edge cuts noticeable at about 12:00. Details sharp, including wreath over ear (usually found soft). No obvious signs of having been struck on a cast blank. $330

The reverse of 1-E is usually found quite softly struck and most often slightly off center, as the specimen in the M.H.S. Collection Sale and the Pine Tree E.A.C. Sale. It is possible that the obverse and reverse dies were not positioned exactly above one another, as most specimens are slightly off center towards the lower left on the reverse.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TAYLOR

2293 **1785 Connecticut. M 1-E. Mailed Bust Right.** 122.9 grains. **R-5.** G-6. A second example of the 1-E variety, in the condition these are usually found. Planchet surfaces are rough, with consequent lack of sharpness. All legends, obverse and reverse, as legible as usually seen on the variety. Better sharpness than often on the shoulder of the obverse effigy. One or two verdigris spots present on both surfaces. A representative example of this variety. $44

POROUS

SEE BOWERS 'LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994 #76 (PLATE) $195

BOWER'S 'STUART LEVINE' APRIL 10-11, 1986

99 –

856 1785 Connecticut. Miller-1-E. 146.9 grains. Very Fine. Mailed Bust right. An attractive specimen with lightly granular surfaces, medium brown coloration, and sharp features, particularly on the obverse—all as illustrated.

BOWERS' 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

60 –

511 1785 Bust Right. Miller 1-E. Rarity 4. Nice Very Fine. Pleasing in every aspect.

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

113 **1785 Miller 1-E.** Very Fine. Rarity 4. A small planchet defect and small nick on the rim under the bust not affecting any of the design of this exceptionally nice specimen. The variety with long fillet ends and small date and letters on the reverse. Everything sharp and clear including the hair, wreath and mail. A light chestnut brown. Far above the average seen. **PLATE** $47.50

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NEW ENGLAND SALE (ALCKLEY COLL) JULY 24, 1976

1 1785 Bust Facing Right M-1-E (R-6) GOOD-6 with some details better. Slightly granular fields. $16 –

1-E

STACK'S "W. RISE SALE" SEPT 30, 1966

586 1785 Mailed bust right. Miller 1-E. A pleasing well struck coin. Fine. (30.00) 35

1785
CONDITION CENSUS

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" SALE OCT 18, 1975

483 **1785.** Mailed Bust Right, from unlocated private mint. **Miller 1-E. (High R-6) Fine or better sharpness.** Tan and dark brown patination. Fairly large but unobtrusive planchet defects between 7 and 8 o'clock of obv. border region. Slightly better than lot 1 of our E.A.C. sale, which **we said then was one of the three finest seen,** at $150. **(Photo)**
50 — **($100.-150)**

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STACK'S "OELCHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988 1 OF 3 PIECES

1018 **1785 Miller 1-E.** 141.0 grains. Good, scuff on the reverse and somewhat porous;
LOT BROUGHT $242 —

BOB LOMPREY JR. COLLECTION — SEE PHOTO

BOWER'S "PARK FOREST SALE" OCT 3, 1980

2024 **1785 Connecticut copper. Mailed bust right. Miller 1-E (R-6).** Sharpness of VF-20, but porous, greenish chocolate patina, tiny edge clip at 2:00. Overall Fine for the coin. Lot 1 of the 1975 EAC sale was called one of the three finest, and that coin was not even fully Fine.
165 165.00

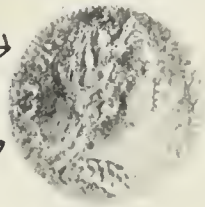
No. 36 SPRING, 1981

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW No. 37 APRIL, 1981

1785 Connecticut copper. Mailed bust right. Miller 1-E (R-6). Sharpness of VF, but somewhat porous greenish-steel patina, tiny edge clip at 2:00. Overall at least Fine for the coin, and better than our conservative description might make it sound. Lot 1 of the 1975 EAC sale (Pine Tree Auction Co.) was called one of the three finest and that coin was not even fully Fine. An opportunity for the specialist. 365 00

PINE TREE "BREEN '85 SEPT 6, 1985

63 **1785 Large face,** long ribbons; periods in legends.
25 50 M. 1-E. Some details Very Fine, others Fine; smooth dark patina, minor roughness, date off flan. Very rare (R-6), one of four finest seen to date; much better than 1975 EAC:1 (VG, $150). (Photo)



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ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN 1992

43. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 1-E. Rarity-5. 139.6 grains: Very Good or so, some details stronger, some much weaker. About half the legends are visible on either side, due more to strike irregularities than any actual wear. The planchet is a slightly rough medium brown [this is the type of planchet stock that caused Walter Breen to speculate in the 1975 EAC sale that these planchets may have actually been cast, rather than cut from strips]. Painted Die Variety in the left obverse field, probably in Henry C. Miller's handwriting. A popular variety, the first listed in Miller's reference work, and, difficult to find in any condition!.....$59

Both the obverse and reverse dies are ground down and slightly reworked; the original dies were obverse 6.3 and reverse G.2

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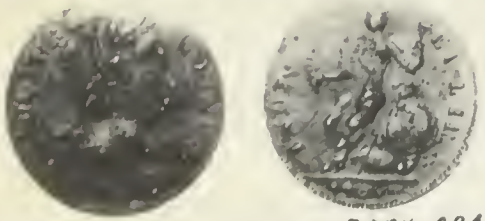
MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE MAY 24, 1986

1107 1785 Miller 1-E. Rarity 6. Very Fine. [illegible]



NASCA "KESSLER" SALE APRIL 28, 1981 DARK, GRANULAR

2209 **1785. M.1-E. (R-4+) VF+-EF. (Photo)**
120 *An exceptional specimen with grey green toning, very slightly granular on planchet struck from worn dies but well centered, couple of minor flan flaws, a hard one to match for grade and overall appearance*

BOWER'S "CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE" NOV 14, 1980

TOO DARK

121.00

5640 **1785 Miller 1-E. Rarity 5. VF 20 to 25.** Deep olive brown. Obverse scraped. Two clips, larger one at 3:00, smaller at 9:00. Die states equivalent to Taylor:229.2.

From Coin Galleries' sale of February 1986, Lot 1280.

L. MERKIN SALE' FEB 12, 1972

6 **Connecticut Coppers.** 1785. **Periods in legends.** Miller 1-E. Just about Fine, uneven strike on defective planchet, INDE weak. Rare, seldom offered.

1-E

BOWER'S 'NEWPORT COLL' JAN 30, 1975

31 1785 Connecticut. Miller 1-E. Bust facing right. Fine overall. Some weak areas as struck, but considerably better than average for 1-E.

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BOWER'S "MATT ROTHERT SALE" NOV 16-17, 1973

229 **1785 Connecticut** copper. Bust right. Miller 1-E. (Reference: *State Coinage of Connecticut* by Henry Miller, 1919 and 1920, American Numismatic Society.) Very Fine, a high grade for Miller 1-E. Rarity 5 (on Miller's scale on which R-6 is the highest degree of rarity). 7 –

75 –

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. Miller 1-E. Rarity 4. VG $23.00; VF RCR #14. 65.00
Fine RCR #7. 9/70. 35.00

BOWERS "BROOKS COLL" JUNE 12, 1989

2026 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E. VF-20. 140.5 grains. States as Taylor:2292. Bright golden brown, possibly once cleaned.
LIGHTLY CLEANED - STRAIGHT CLIP TOP OF REV.

$137.50

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #I FEB, 1989

48 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 5. 141.2 grains. Very Fine for the variety.** Slightly porous as usual (at one time this variety was thought to have been struck on cast planchets), with a few hairline scratches on the reverse, all quite unobtrusive. Very close to the Taylor coin; Oeschner's was only Good.....$185

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ROSA AMERICANA LIST #I FEB, 1989

49 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E, another example. Rarity 5. 135.7 grains. Good or so, most of the obverse and half of the reverse legends illegible. Still a decent example of this R-5 variety.**.....$39

The 1-E of 1785 was one of this cataloguer's favorite varieties. In a period of eleven years only half a dozen examples were located, none grading better than Very Fine. It has been speculated that these dies are actually the same dies as 1785 M.6.3-G.2, in a later state, reground and heavily reworked. Research is continuing into this enigma, and the many other mysteries offered by the Connecticut coppers series.

BOWER'S 'SACCONE COLL' NOV 6-8, 1989

$425 –
425 – BOOK

1541 1785 Connecticut copper. M 1-E. 113.0 grains. Rarity-5. VF-30 to EF-40, a nice tobacco-brown specimen. Reverse off center, as often seen (Taylor:2292, for another), resulting in a partial date. Surfaces fairly glossy. Obverse nicely struck up. Obverse die state later than the Taylor coin, with a pronounced cud below the chin, and breaks from the rim through last C and neighboring stop, reaching to the mail. Reverse state equivalent to Taylor:2292. A pleasing, glossy and nicely toned early Connecticut copper.

467.50

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

53 1785 M.1-E, edge defect; ~~1787 M.23-III.2, D.B.I.; 1788 M.12.1-P.1, M.B.1.~~
120 – ~~All are a~~ decent Fine. Lot of 3 pieces. 120 –

BOWER'S SALE' SEPT 11-13, 1989

17 ~~Trio of state coppers: ☆ 1787 New Jersey. M37Y. 160.5 grains. C-4 to AC-3 ☆~~ 1785 Connecticut. M1-E. 122.9 grains. Rarity-5. G-6 ☆ ~~1786 Connecticut. M5.9-Q. 103.9 grains. Rarity-6. G-4.~~ (Total: 3 pieces) EX. TAYLOR #2293 3-27 67

121

KAGINS LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1785 CONNECTICUT M.1-E. High Rarity-6, Very Scarce Fine 250.00

D. LINETT' SAN DIEGO SALE' JUNE 23-24, 1990

737 **1785 Connecticut, Miller 1-E, Mailed Bust Right, Choice Very Fine-30, ~~plus a 1787 Miller 33.2-7.5, Fine-20~~.** Both coins are very attractive, medium brown in color and are nice representauves of their respective grades. A very choice lot. (2 coins).....(300-350)

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BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5641 **Trio of 1785 coppers:** ☆ M 1-E. Rarity-5. Sharpness of VF-30, value of F-12, heavy clip visible from obverse, 10:00-12:00. 143.5 grains. Traces of old verdigris. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2292/3
1 OF 3 PIECES

302.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 17, 1991

2520 1785 Miller 1-E (R-5). About Good, clearly identifiable, but well worn.

33.00

BOWER'S "FRONTENAC SALE" NOV 20, 1991

324 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E. VG-8 to F-12. Rarity-5. 129.3 grains. Dark golden brown on both sides. Both surfaces very rough and granular. Planchet cutter clip on obverse, from 9:00 to 10:00. Miller attribution number painted in left obverse field. Clear obverse die cud below chin; reverse too indistinct to determine die state. Reverse slightly off center, toward the upper left, a common phenomenon on this combination.
Said to be ex Miller:2074.

110 BOOK

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

324 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8 to F-12. **Rarity-5.** 129.3 grains. Dark golden brown surfaces with some planchet granularity noted on both sides. Small edge clip noted on obverse at 9:00 to 10:00. Miller attribution number painted in left obverse field. Obverse state with cud forming beneath effigy's chin. Reverse very slightly off center toward the upper left, as often seen in this die combination.
Said to be ex Miller:2074

55 BK

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

110.00 BOOK

147 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right.** VF-20 F-12. Rarity-5. 132.6 grains. Slightly off center on the reverse, with edge encroaching on E in INDE. Lightly granular surfaces with some planchet fissures, particularly on the reverse. Well-defined obverse features coupled with lightly struck reverse details, as generally seen for this issue. All things considered, an attractive example of this desirable variety.
The reverse of M.1-E is generally seen lightly struck, and often is slightly off center as well.

BOWER'S DONOVAN & HUDGENS SALE NOV 18-19, 1993

2007 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. Net Good-4,** but with sharpness approaching EF-40 or finer. **A Rarity-5 variety. 122.9 grains.** Rusty gray-brown surfaces, with minute porosity evenly dispersed, perhaps a result of time spent in the ground. Well centered and bold on the obverse, slightly off center on the reverse, typical for the variety.

110.00

1-E.

RARE COIN COMPANY OF AMERICA SALE, APRIL, 1972

389. CONNECTICUT 1785 Cent. Bust facing right. Miller 1-E (rarity 4).
827- Virtually FINE on this RARE variety.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

1-E	1785	F+/F+	R6+	Edge clip, small, at 1:00
1-E	1785	VF-/F-	R6+	Clip.
1-E	1785	F+	R6+	Clip.

CONN. STATE LIBRARY
1-E 9425 (2) POOR 2
6331 (20) VERY FINE (20)

ANS

1785 M. 1-E;

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

1) 1785 M.1-E Basically Very Fine with a straight rim defect at 11 o'clock on reverse. Parts of date off flan. * -C

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1800 1785. Head to r, laureated AUCTORI. CONNEC. Rx. Liberty seated
130 to left, by shield, holding sprig and pole with liberty cap. INDE. ET LIB. Ex. 1785. Fine for this rare coin. Crosby 1-E.

2074 1785. C. 1-E ~~2-A~~; ~~2-A~~ (1), ~~35~~ B (4), ~~32-L~~ G. and VG. Some
21 scarce. 9 pcs.

HOCH PLATE

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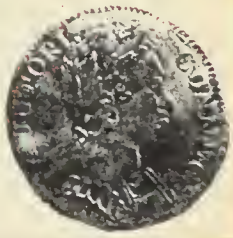

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COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1218 1785 Miller 1-E (R-4). Bust facing right. Good. Numerous facial scratches and
137.50 one reverse dig; ~~M.3.1 L (R-4). Good; M.3.4 E.2 (2). Good-Very Good, one with facial pinscratches; M.3.5 B. Good. Medium glossy brown, some planchet faults, M.4.1 F.4. "African head." About Good, date not visible. A few planchet imperfections.~~ 6 pieces.

NORMAN PETERS LIST MARCH, 1984

1785 1-E (R6) VF Medium brown, small areas of porosity. date 1/2 off planchet. Nice for this variety. $47.50

M.R.R.C.A. EAC'91 MIDNIGHT SALE' APRIL 28, 1991

Lot 1: 1785 Connecticut, Miller 1-E, Rarity-5. Periods. Very Good, some details Fine. Similar overall to 1975 EAC:1. Highlights reddish from light cleaning. **$25/$65, Mituzas**

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #7 MAY, 1982

2. 1785 Connecticut, Millerl-E, Mailed Head Right, R-5. Small AU counterstamped on obverse but still decent and scarce. Very Good with a hint of porosity. $30

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977

1785 M.1-E, F/VG, reverse slightly off-center, decent surfaces..20.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1977?

1785 Bust Right, M.1-E, (R-6) F/VG, dark brown with lighter highlights, rev. o/c about five percent, most of date on plan.35.00.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1977?

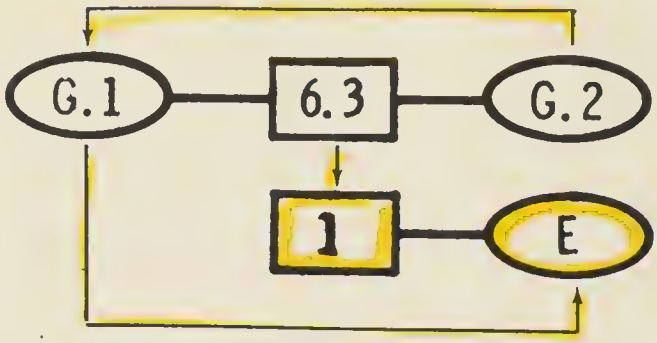
1785 Bust Right, M.1-E, VF/Fine, dark brown with excellent surfaces, rev. o/c about ten percent. date off plan, very choice obv....50.00.

1-E

ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SUMMER 1997

63 1785 Connecticut. Miller 1-E. Rarity-5. 135.3 grains. Fine, some details closer to the Very Fine level. Well struck overall, with the only missing legend being INDE at the left reverse, as struck. The date is full and sharp, unusual for the variety, and the design details are strong. Medium brown surfaces that have just the most trivial of handling marks in the fields. There is a shallow dent on the obverse effigy's head which is mostly concealed in the hair, and as it is toned down to the color of the surfaces, is not all that detracting. A scarer variety, the first one listed in the Miller reference, and always in demand by collectors. WAS $99.....NOW $59

Both the obverse and reverse dies are ground down and reworked versions of previously used dies. The original obverse was Miller 6.3, while the original reverse was G.2 [these two dies were also paired in their original incarnation]. As die steel was quite expensive and difficult to come by, it is not too surprising that such economizing would have occurred — and this had been the case in America since the Massachusetts silver coinage of the late 1600's. We would not be surprised to find other such dies in the state coinage series that share a similar fate. The use of computer technology, especially scanners, will greatly aid researchers in the next decade, and we sincereley believe that the field will never be the same again.



DIE ANALYSIS CHART SHOWING
PROBABLE SEQUENCE of DIE REWORK and USAGE

REWORKED DIE VARIETY GROUP (1785)

G.1 6.3 G.2

BARNSLEY SPECIMEN

1 E

COVER →

1-E

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In the most extreme cases the image was almost entirely ground off the die and the die blank then reused. This appears to have occurred several times in the early years of the Connecticut coinage. An example is the following 1785 Connecticut varieties: 6.3-G.1, 6.3-G.2 and 1-E. These are diagrammed on page 826 as they appear on the CNL Experimental Die Analysis Chart for the Connecticut Coppers.[28] Photo-optical comparisons seem to suggest that these five die varieties, combined into three combinations, issued from only two die blanks. These results are tentative because we do not yet have sufficiently accurate photographic equipment to make an absolutely positive determination.

Our preliminary conclusions regarding this sequence is that the original G.2 reverse was repolished and so drastically reworked that Miller failed to recognize it and identified the reworked die as G.1 which was in turn again drastically reworked and became E. Sometime during this chain of events Obverse 6.3 was reworked and became known as Obverse 1. There is no question that today these varieties are quite different but an analysis of the exact similarities suggests the sequence outlined above. The final result, if this analysis is correct and there were no other reworkings prior to the Obverse 6.3 and Reverse G.2 die states, is that only two die blanks, two chunks of metal, produced five different coinage varieties!

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

1. 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.1-E. Good/Very Good, dark brown flan with light porosity. About 2/3 of legends are clear, and the date is full and strong. A decent example of an R-6 variety..... 45.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1985

1. 1785 M.1-E. Very Fine obverse, Fine reverse, mottled brown toning. Struck slightly off center, affecting the tops of "ET" on the reverse. Good detail otherwise, with a full bold date..... 225.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

1. 1785 Bust Right, M.1-E. Very Fine, struck on a medium brown planchet with some obverse porosity. Most of date off flan; a scarce variety.. 100.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MARCH, 1989

1. 1785 Bust Right, Miller 1-E. Very Fine or better, glossy brown surfaces with some minor porosity. The reverse is struck about 5% off center, so that most of the date is off the flan; the obverse is well centered and sharply struck. A scarce variety..... 325.00
2. 1785 M.1-E. A second example, this one Good with some old scratches... 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990

1. 1785 Miller 1-E, 136.0 grains. Fine, straight rim clip at 1:00, medium brown planchet with some microscopic porosity in the fields. Overall an attractive example, with clear date and virtually full legends; a Rarity-5 variety. 125.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER 1991

11. 1785 Miller 1-E. Surfaces and some detail of Very Fine, other areas more like Fine. Weak at the top of the obverse figure's head and the lower reverse. Full legends. Small clip at K-7. From the Henry Clay Miller collection, with his painted die variety in the left obverse field. Close to Condition Census quality for this Rarity-5 variety.....$129

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER 1991

12. 1785 Miller 1-E, another. Very Good or so, about half the legends are visible. Rough planchet with a few light cracks on either side. Another example pedigreed to Henry Clay Miller, with his attribution in the left obverse field.....$49

1-E

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONA SALE AUG 4, 1992

6504 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right.**
38.50 **F-12. Rarity-5.** 136.1 grains. Typical strike for the issue, with some central weakness on the obverse and moderately off center on the reverse, with just the very tops of the 85 in the date visible. Glossy tan surfaces with just a hint of porosity seen. An altogether pleasing example for the grade.

As with most specimens of Miller 1-E, the reverse of the piece offered here is slightly off center toward the lower left. Some faintness of strike on both sides is another characteristic of this scarce issue.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

914 **1785 M.1-E. MBR.** Another. Rarity 4. Fine. 141.3 gns.
65 Areas of corrosion on both sides; reverse pitted. From
200.00 the **Hall Collection.** "1-E" painted in yellowed white
220 lacquer in left obverse field; diminutive "6" in right field. Perfect die states. TOO DARK PITTED

Originally, from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection; thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd. Accompanied by a round card ticket noting the attribution number, "H" within a circle signifying ex Hall.

The "H" within a circle found on these white card tickets means originally ex Hall Collection. Exactly which of Hall's collections these coins were a part cannot be determined without referring to Hall's own inventory ledger. If they seem to appear there (based on grade) then they were part of the main holdings. If not, then they were probably Hall duplicates sold off during his lifetime. The small number "6" painted in the right obverse field could have meant that this was a sixth specimen in Hall's collection or, alternatively, the sixth he had seen (his inventory ledger records nine actually having been seen). Whether the attribution number was painted by Hall, himself, is uncertain. Dr. Hall is said to have painted his attribution numbers on the edges of his coins but two known to have come directly from Hall's collection have been seen with numbers on their obverses. Over time, the white lacquer (or paint?) used yellowed with age. The yellowish color seen on this and other Hall-Miller-Ryder-Boyd coins in this section can be used as a guide to genuine "painted die varieties."

This is the first ever offering of Connecticuts from the legendary Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collection. Ryder purchased many of his coins directly from Henry C. Miller, author of the standard text on the series. Miller purchased many of his directly from Dr. Thomas Hall, author in his time of the standard work on the 1787 varieties. Ryder also bought heavily in Thomas Elder's sale of the Miller Collection (May, 1920). Ryder died on February 11, 1928. Within a year Wayte Raymond appraised the collection for Ryder's widow but heard nothing further from her for many years. In 1945 Raymond was contacted by Ryder's bank, which asked if he would be interested in buying the Ryder cain estate at the 1928 appraisal value. Unable to raise the required umount, Raymond brought F.C.C. Boyd in as a purtner and purchased Ryder's complete collection. As his share, Boyd took the colonial coins at the appraisal amounts, but did nat add anything to the Connecticut collection. Raymand sold Ryder's gold coins through Abe Kosoff's Mclish sale in 1956 (one lot, the finest known 1864'S' Hulf Eagle, wus bought by John J. Ford, Jr. for about $80. Ford sold it to Ambassador R. Henry Norweb for $100. Anibassudor Norweb complained about the high price he hud to pay for the coin. When it was later sold as part of the Norweb Callection in 1987 it reulized $110,000!) Since 1928 only four pairs of eyes have seen the Ryder Collection of Connecticuts in its entirèty: Raymond's, Bayd's, the present owner's, and the present cataloguer's. Because Raymond did not actually own the Ryder colonials we have not included his name in the pedigree chains to follow.

STACK'S "PERKINS COLL' SALE MARCH 16, 1993

2082 **1785 Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. Technical**
130 **Very Fine.** Rarity 5. 148.0 grains. Golden brown.
130 Surfaces uniformly micro granular. Several obverse
143 digs, notably on first O and under chin. Nick on neck, minor ones elsewhere. **Full clear date,** unusual for 1-E. Planchet cutter clip on reverse at 7 o'clock. Die states as Taylor:2292.

Both 1785 M.1-E und 2-A.1 are rated R-5 today. However, we have records of 19 of the former but only eight of the latter. M.1-E should be dropped to R-4 and 2-A.1 raised to R-6.

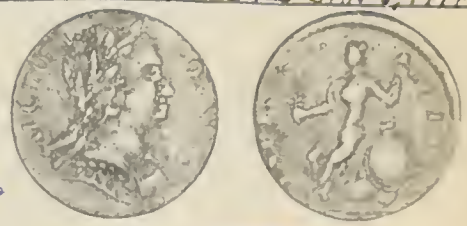
STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 16, 1993

2083 **1785 M.1-E. MBR.** Another. **Strong Fine, nearly**
100 **Very Fine.** Rarity 5. 150.5 grains. Golden brown, touch
100 of olive. Surfaces microscopically granular. Obverse rim
110 flaw over head, mirrored reverse at 7 o'clock. Old scrape to right of branch. A very collectable example of this variety, which is usually found Very Good to Fine. The reverse is always much softer than the obverse on this combination. Date mostly illegible, as usually seen. From the clashed states of the dies.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

913 **1785 Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right.** Rarity 5 (tradi-
65 tional, probably R-4). Very Fine/Fine. 133.6 gns. Deep
250.00 reddish-orange, areas of discoloration (cuprous oxide)
308 both sides, obverse particularly. Somewhat soft around the peripheries but no serious nicks or other marks. Reverse off center to the upper right. Full and clear date. Perfect die states. GOOD COLOR TAN W/ DIS COLORATION TO D. MITUZAS

BOWER'S LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994



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76 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. VF-30, typical reverse weakness. Rarity-5. 136.9 grains. A scarce variety. Uniformly porous golden brown surfaces exhibit a few scattered scratches. Typical reverse state, lightly struck and partly off center, with just the tops of the date numerals evident. Overall sharpness approaches Taylor:2292. A pleasing specimen by all accounts.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976 LOT 5.14 (PLATE)
BOWER'S 'STUART LEVINE SALE' APR 10-11, 1986 LOT 856 (PLATE)

STACK'S SALE NOV 30, 1994

17 **Selection of Connecticut coppers: 1785 Miller**
38 **1-E.** Rarity 4. Bust right. Good/Fine; ~~1787 M.4-L.~~
330 ~~Horned Bust. R-1. Good/Fine;~~ ~~M.11.2-K. R-3. Bust left.~~ About Fine, ~~M.33.2-2-12. R-4. Bust left. Near Very Fine, reverse patches of verdigris;~~ ~~1788 M.2-D. R-1. Bust right. Fine, rough;~~ ~~M.11-G. R-3. Bust left.~~ Fine; ~~M.16.5-H. R-6. Bust left. Very Good~~/Fine. 7 pieces.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992

5865 Connecticut copper [illegible] Right VG-8 [illegible] Rarity-5 [illegible] with attribution number [illegible] grain at surfaces [illegible] accuracy [illegible] (Total [illegible]

MARY SAUVAIN FPL # 2 FEB, 1991

1. 1785 Miller 1-E. Fine. Mailed bust right. Attractive brown color. Obv. well centered. Rev. strike slightly left. Clip. Rarity-5. $150.00

1-E

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1785 M.1-E #6331? J.C. MITCHELSON,1913.
(VF20) VERY FINE

SEE BOWER'S FRONTENAC SALE NOV 20, 1991
ROSA AMERICANA EPLR & SPRING 1993 #324

44 1785 Connecticut, Miller 1-E. Rarity-5. 129.3 grains. Fine or so, some details much stronger, especially the detail of the obverse effigy. About half the legends are visible on either side, due more to strike irregularities than any actual wear; this is typical for the variety, which normally comes weak (a combination of reground dies and a striking technology that was still not perfect). The planchet is a slightly rough medium brown [this is the usually seen surface quality that caused Walter Breen to speculate in the 1975 EAC sale that these planchets may have actually been cast, rather than cut from strips; this piece exhibits a small planchet clip at K-9 which shows that it was definitely cut from a strip]. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, apparently in Henry C. Miller's handwriting, though we are unable to determine which lot this was in the sale of his collection. An extremely popular variety, the first listed in Miller's reference work, and sure to be of interest at only..... $69

Both the obverse and reverse dies are ground down and slightly reworked, the original dies were obverse 6.3 and reverse G.2.

This is the first of over forty specimens from the Miller collection that we were able to purchase earlier this year. All of these coins have been off the market for over four decades, most having been in the collection of an early variety collector who concentrated on pedigree more than condition (though all of the coins offered are quite pleasing for their grade). The present coin was part of Lot #2074 of the Miller collection.

BOWER'S SOMERSET SALE MAY 29, 1992 #324

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

21 1785 M.1-E. MBR. R-4. Fine. A second example on a heavier flan, 151.2 gns. Golden orange-brown in color, surfaces just micro-granular. Large planchet cutter clip obverse at 11 o'clock; small rim nick above head. Earlier states than the preceding's, no cud or breaks on obverse, reverse appears perfect.

95, 500, 550 BOOK

NICE FINE/VERY FINE (8) GOOD COLOR

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT. 11, 1996 LOT #1006

STACK'S SALE "DEVRIES COLL" SEPT 10-11, 1996

1006 1785 Connecticut. Miller 1.E. Mailed Bust Right. Fine. 151.2 grains. Bold planchet clip at 11 o'clock. A strong impression of the dies gives substantial detail including a tiny date well centered under double exergue line. FINE/VERY FINE (8) GOOD COLOR

120, 220, 242.50

STRAIGHT CLIP 10-11 O'CLOCK AFFECTING TOP OF "RI" IN "AUCTORI" R. MARTIN

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

99 1785 Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. R-4. Nearly Fine. 139.5 gns. Rough olive, slightly off center, obverse rim dent. Miller number in a fine hand in left obverse field; ~~M.2-A.4. MBR. R-6. Very Good-to-Fine. 132.9 gns. Olive brown, uniformly porous. Miller number~~ in a ~~fine hand on obverse~~. 2 pieces.

230, 230, 253

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100 1785 Connecticut coppers, all MBR, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on their obverses: M.1-E. R-4. About Fine. 133.6 gns. Somewhat rough olive; ~~M.3.1-A.3. R-4. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places but heavily flawed and rough. 144.3 gns;~~ ~~M.3.1-L. R-4. About Good/Very Good. 131.5 gns. Dark olive. Rim flaws;~~ ~~M.3.4-F.1. R-3. Very Good. 139.5 gns. Rough brown, reverse scratched. Obverse attributed as "3/F" only;~~ ~~M.4.3-A.2. R-1. Very Good/About Good, olive brown. 123.5 gns. Very late reverse state;~~ ~~M.4.3-D. R-4. About Good, dented and rough. 144.3 gns;~~ ~~M.6.1-A.1. Low R-5. Very Good/About Good, lighter olive brown. Somewhat rough and flawed, very late reverse state;~~ ~~M.6.2-F.1. R-3, probably really higher. Fine, bent, obverse rough. 128.1 gns. Late obverse state, not often seen so.~~ 8 pieces.

250, 275, 302.50

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

20 1785 Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 4 (revised). About Extremely Fine, a high grade for this variety and, while probably not a CC coin, a better than average specimen. 112.9 gns. Olive and golden tobacco brown on micro-granular surfaces that appear a trifle glossy to the unaided eye. Obverse nicely sharp; reverse off center to the lower left, date mostly off flan (as often seen on M.1-E). TO M. RIAGO

150, 400, 440

Ex Bowers & Merena's November 6, 1989 sale, lot 1541.

Obverse die now with a cud below the chin and short linear breaks from rim through last C and nearest cinquefoil. This state later than seen on Taylor:2292. Reverse state of this piece as on Taylor's coin. VF ONLY OFF CENTER, MOTTLED MAHAGONY

1-E

1785 M.1-E XF DETAIL, DARK.
EX BOWER'S 'PARK FOREST SALE OCT 3, 1980 LOT#2024
BOB LOMPREY JR. COLLECTION, WISCONSIN.

1-E

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

016. 1785 CONNECTICUT MILLER 1-E MAILED BUST RIGHT R4 EF40. 144.9 gns. Dark olive brown, both sides with trace granularity but appearing smooth and glossy. A small clip is at 12:00 obverse. Evenly struck with clear details though INDE and the date are tight against the flan's edge. Free of marks or damage. With detail fully comparable if not stronger than Taylor but from a later obverse die state with breaks from the rim through the last C. Sharper than typically seen for this variety, if not Condition Census then not far from it.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C & BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

267. 214 1785 CONNECTICUT COIN TRIO: (All MBR) 1785 M.1-E (R-4) F15 129.4 gns. Some detail muted by significant porosity both sides. Light to medium brown with cuprous oxide stains on reverse and old center right scratchs. Date clear. Clip 4:00 to 5:30 obverse. WITH ~~1785 M.3.4 F4 (R-3) F12 136.8 gns. Light olive brown, both sides with even moderate porosity, only minor reverse flaws but several toned vertical pin scratchs. Clear date. WITH 1785 M.6.4 F4 (R-3) F12 128.2 gns. Two tone olive brown. Obverse flawless, smooth at center and porous at edges. Reverse has one large striation through part of INDE, somewhat more porous. Clear date.~~ Total 3 pieces.

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' SALE JUNE 8, 1994

1 / 7.30 / 3.10 / 3+1 **1785 Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right.** Rarity 4 (revised). Fine/Very Good, small reverse rim dents, obverse rim clip 8:30. 134.9 gns. Gold and brown, granular. Attribution number painted on obverse, small "6" in right field; ~~**M.2-A.4. MBR. R-6** (revised). Very Good-Fine. 144.3 gns. Pale olive brown, surfaces lightly granular, a bit off center on both sides. Attribution number and small "3" painted on obverse.~~ 2 pieces.

Both with round card tickets bearing the capital letter H within a circle (hereafter described as "circle H") and both noted in pencil as "H/90" (i.e., ex Dr. Hall in 1890). The number 3 on the obverse of the second is the old Hall and Miller rarity rating for the variety but the exact meaning of the "6" on the first is unknown (it is not Crosby's, Hall's, or Miller's rarity rating for a 1-E). It will be noted, however, that the variety is rated R-6 on the card ticket accompanying the coin. It would appear, therefore, that there was a third rarity rating for 1-E. Whose was it? JIM GOUDGE

M.1-E: Obverse clashed; reverse state uncertain. ~~M.2-A.4: Both dies lightly clashed.~~

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' SALE JUNE 8, 1994

2 / 2.31 / 1.80 / 1.48 / **1785 M.1-E. MBR.** R-4 (revised). Strong Fine. 150.8 gns. Medium golden brown, lightly granular, obverse clip at 11:00; ~~**M.3.2-L. MBR.** Strong Fine, technical Very Fine, heavy flaws, huge obverse lamination. R-4. 125.8 gns. Olive.~~ 2 pieces. J. ROCK W/ RAGGED PAPER TICKET

M.1-E: Obverse clashed, small cud under, ON; reverse perfect. ~~M.3.2-L: Obverse perfect; reverse clearly clashed around at top.~~

ONE OF THE FINEST KNOWN 1785 MILLER 1-E'S!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

81 1785 Connecticut, Miller 1-E. Rarity-5. 150.8 grains. Extremely Fine. A simply amazing coin, very sharply struck, with full legends and date as well as extremely sharp design detail—the obverse effigy's hair and armor detail being as bold as we can ever recall seeing. The strike is exceptional for a variety that almost always comes weak in areas, the combination of dies that had been ground down as well as a minting technology that was still not perfect. Even better than the strike [if you can tear your eyes off of it!] is the color and surface quality of the coin—a gorgeous light golden brown that is hard and somewhat glossy and free of all but the most trivial of handling marks, again exceptional for the variety which often comes on dark and somewhat rough planchets. There is a small rim clip at K-11 on the obverse, which affects none of the legends or design detail. This is certainly the nicest example of the variety that we've ever handled as either dealers or collectors [indeed, it bests the half dozen examples of the variety that we had in our collection back in the 1980s] and has got to rank high in the Condition Census for the variety, possibly as high as SECOND FINEST KNOWN, right after the Rob Retz coin which was cherry-picked from a noted colonial dealer a few years ago, and which weighs in at a solid AU; the present piece is head and shoulders nicer than anything else to come on the market in years, including the Norweb, Oechsner, Perkins, Schenkel, Kessler-Spangenberger and Taylor coins, the latter called Among the Finest Known. The ANS coin is just a VF. One of the more intriguing varieties out there, with fantastic eye appeal and quality that is head and tails better than anything that's been offered for sale before... EX STACK'S BOYD-RYDER SALE JUNE 8, 1994 LOT # 2 AS STRONG FINE $329

Both the obverse and reverse dies are ground down and slightly reworked examples of previously used dies; the original dies were obverse 6.3 and reverse G.2. The fact that these dies were ground down [probably after they had broken] and reworked so that they made a different variety under the Miller classification scheme suggests that the minters may have been quite frugal about the expensive and scarce die steel used—there are probably many more varieties out there that were struck from reworked versions of other dies. Photographic overlays can help in the search for these varieties, as can the scanning and image manipulation capabilities of today's computers.

Accompanied by a crudely-cut round paper ticket with the attribution and rarity information written in pencil. This is not one of the cardboard Dr. Hall-Ryder tickets, but is certainly quite old, probably from the 1920's or 1930's.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

76 1785 Connecticut, Miller 1-E. Rarity-5. 129.5 grains. Fine or so, some details much stronger, such as the obverse effigy and reverse figure. The peripheral legends are a bit weak at the A of AUCTORI, CON, INDE and the date. Medium brown planchet, slightly rough, which is how the variety normally comes [it was this type of planchet stock that led Walter Breen to speculate that the planchets may have been cast rather than cut from strips]. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, in white ink that has yellowed with age; no "M" in the right obverse field. An extremely popular variety, the first listed in the Miller work and quite difficult to find with any sort of eye appeal....$39

Both the obverse and reverse dies are ground down and slightly reworked examples of previously used dies; the original dies were obverse 6.3 and reverse G.2 [which were also paired]. Die steel was quite expensive and it is not surprising that any sort of method of "recycling" would be used. We would not be surprised to learn that other varieties share a similar origin.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

1-E

109. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 1-E. Rarity-5. 130.5 grains. Nearly Very Fine in terms of actual wear received, but somewhat weakly and erratically impressed, as is almost always the case for the variety. This one has a full AUCTORI, CONNEC indistinct save for a couple of letters. The reverse is more evenly impressed, with all the legend and the date full, though a few letters are a bit weaker than their neighbors. Very pleasing hard golden brown surfaces that have a couple of light hairline scratches on either side that do not really detract at all. There is a very small planchet clip at K-11 on the obverse, which is enough to show that this particular planchet was cut, and not cast; Walter Breen speculated that these issues may have been struck on cast planchet stock, especially since the vast majority of survivors seem to have rough surfaces, often an indicator of casting. This one is a pleasant exception to the rule, since the surfaces are rather hard, and the overall eye appeal is quite nice. Even more intriguing is the fact that this piece has not one, but TWO PAINTED DIE VARIETIES in the left obverse field. The first one has 1 E painted, in a rather thin hand, in white ink, horizontally placed in the field; the second PDV is also in white ink, though in a thicker hand, and is oriented vertically, the two different E's partially overlapping. A pleasing example, and one that will prove quite difficult to improve upon since this truly is a variety that is seldom seen choice! The first that we've had in years, and one of this cataloguer's favorite varieties!.....$159

Both the obverse and reverse dies are "recycled" dies – the dies were originally of obverse type 6.3 and reverse type G.2 [which were originally paired to strike the variety Miller 6.3-.G.2], but they were ground down and slightly reworked, possibly to remove some sort of damage to the dies; this reworking changed the legends and the overall appearance of each die, giving it a new number in the Miller classification system As die steel was quite expensive, it is not surprising that the coiners used every means at their disposal to prolong the life of their dies As more research is done on the Connecticut copper series, we suspect that more discoveries of reworked and recycled dies will be found

1-E

2-A.1

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

"COMPANY FOR COINING COPPERS"

NEW HAVEN 1 (WESTVILLE?)

Mailed Bust Right Design EAC '75

2 **1785.** (Dies by Abel Buel for Samuel Bishop, Joseph Hopkins, James Hillhouse and James Goodrich, officially in operation from Oct. 20, 1785 through June 1, 1787 only). **Miller 2–A–1.** (R–3). Colon free of head, very fine radial lines for obv. and rev. borders. **Many details of Very Fine sharpness or better,** others more like Fine: somewhat porous surfaces, patches of red to dark brown patina, traces of old cleaning. Much sharper than the Hoch Plate coin or, the Miller Plate coin, the Appleton–MHS piece, "VF", or that in New Netherlands 60th sale; **evidently one of the finest known.** **(Photo) ($100–up)** $130

$130

2

TOO DARK

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2294 **1785 Connecticut. M 2-A.1. Mailed Bust Right.** 125.6 grains. R-4 VG-8. A nice, medium brown specimen of the "Roman" style bust. Typically weak obverse bust detail, with the usually seen off center reverse (compare, for example, Stack's M.H.S., Lot 114).

$110

The obverse bust was cut very deeply into the die, creating a high relief effect. The depth of the obverse design absorbed most of the available planchet metal, and the reverse of this combination is usually found very soft and shallow in the center.

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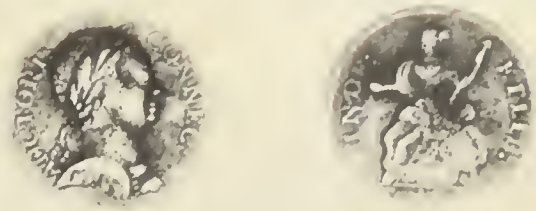

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 28, 1976

1785 Bust Facing Right M #2–A.1 (R–3) VERY FINE–25, perfectly struck and only the slightest granularity. One of the finest ever offered at public auction.

100

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

515 1785 Bust right. 2-A.1 (R-3). Fine or slightly better, with some weakness at the centers and on the right side of the reverse, due to striking. Exceptionally smooth planchet for this issue. WHT. 123.0 GRAINS

35

R. MARTIN – D. MITUZAS 3/3/87

MHS

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC." OCT 23, 1970

114 **1785 Miller 2-A. 1.** Very Fine. Rarity 3. The bust in the Roman style. About the best specimen of this variety to come to our attention in a long time. All details well struck up including the date. A tiny defect in the planchet on the rim at about 3o'clock affecting none of the lettering. A very dark brown. Worthy of a position in any cabinet. **PLATE** $100 —

114

STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

100
160

OK, DARK BROWN

ROPER

175

Lot No 225

JESS PATRICK

225 **1785 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 2-A.1. 124.6 grains. From our Massachusetts Historical Society Sale, October, 1970, lot 114, described as, "Very Fine. Rarity 3. The bust in the Roman style. About the best specimen of this variety to come to our attention in a long time. All details well struck up including the date. A tiny defect in the planchet on the rim at about 3 o'clock affecting none of the lettering. A very dark brown. Worthy of a position in any cabinet." It fetched $100.00 over 13 years ago. $198 —

2-A.1

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL"
SEPT 9, 1988

700
850-

OECHSNER
HALL-OECHSNER-PARTRICK
NICE LIGHT BROWN
BASICALLY XF

Lot No. 1019 FINEST

1019 1785 Miller 2-A.1. Mailed bust right. (R-4). 131.6 grains. **Very Fine** in terms of wear, but weakly struck on a slightly defective planchet, the central details not fully brought up. Light brown and olive, the fields of a higher grade. TO DON PARTRICK
$1,045-

From the Virgil Brand Collection; earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection, with his white paint identification on the rim.

17. 1785 "SILLY HEAD" - MILLER 2A-1, Rarity 3. Poorly struck as usual, else extra fine. Not too easy to find HARMER ROOKE 1/11/81. $250

BOWER'S. M. COHEN JAN 24-26, 1985
2311 A cache of Connecticut coppers: 1785 Bust Right, Miller 2-A.1, Good to Very Good, porous surfaces; 1 OF 5 PIECES

BOWERS & E. WILLING SALE JUNE 24-25, 1976
215 1785 Connecticut. Miller 2-A.1. Mailed bust right. Very Fine. Small edge clip incurred in striking.
55-

HERITAGE SALE MAY 18-19, 1994
376 1785 Connecticut Mailed Bust Right. Miller 2-A.1. (R-3). Somewhat porous. FINE (12). ~~1785 Connecticut. Miller 5.F-8. (R-5). Mailed Bust Right. Nice chocolate brown VF. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-G. (R-2). Mailed Bust Left. Clean and evenly worn VF. 1788 Connecticut. Miller 2-D. (R-1). Mailed Bust Right. VF.~~ (Total: 4 coins)

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972
1785 Bust right. 2-A.1. (R-3). Fine $35.00; Very Fine, superior to the best 2-A.1 offered in our *Rare Coin Review* No. 12: #14 . 65.00

1785 Bust right. 2-A.1. (R-3). Good $14.00; VF obverse, VG reverse
RARE COIN REVIEW #7 . . . . SEPT. 1970 . . . . . 33.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL) 1989

2-A.1	1785	VG+/VG+	R3	Edge cut at 2:00; thin SCRATCH
2-A.1	1785	VG+/VG+	R3	Planchet defects both sides
2-A.1	1785	VG-	R3	Clip; thin planchet at
2-A.1	1785	F/F-	R3	Defective planchet

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
2-A.1 9448 (10) VERY GOOD 10
5189 (10) VERY GOOD 10

ANA MUSEUM, 1989
1785 Copper G 7.45g 180° Miller 2-A.1 (R3)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985
2) 1785 M.2-A.1 Very Fine. Some reddish verdigris on left obverse field, otherwise medium brown. * -C

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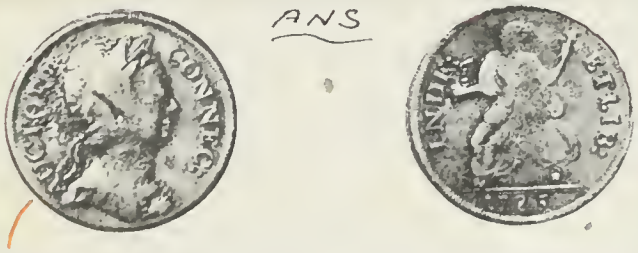
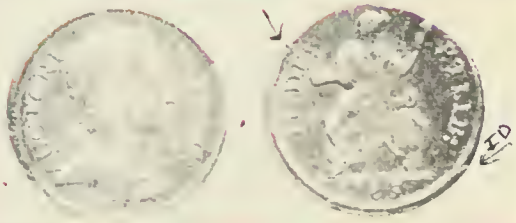


1785 M. 2-A.1: Hand-cut dies before puncheons were created

Plate I MILLER PLATE



HOCH PLATE

2 1

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920
1801 1785. Head to r, laureated, similar, colons after words. Rx. similar, with two colons. C. 2-A.-1. Fine. Rare.
.80
2075 1785. C. 2-A ~~3 (4)~~ ~~F (2)~~, VG. 2 pcs.
.40
2161 Miscellaneous Odds and Ends in Conn. Cents. 1785. C. 2-A; ~~3 (1)~~ ~~F (2)~~ G. last abt. fine. Rare. 2 pcs.
.25
2074 1785. ~~G. 1-E~~--2-A; 2-A (1), ~~35-B (4)~~, ~~32-B~~ G. and VG. Some scarce. 9 pcs.
.21

2-A.1

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

915 **1785 M.2-A.1. MBR. Rarity 6** (revised). Fine. 129.9 gns. Even, orange tan in color. Micro granular, but surfaces appear smooth and hard. Rim flaw below bust (more visible top reverse), edge dent beside. Light marks both sides, hidden scratches on effigy's head. Slightly off center on reverse, as usual. Perfect die states. VG/FINE

80 300 330

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections. Unattributable collector's ticket accompanies this lot.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

1785 MILLER 2-A.1

Possible Condition Census

300 500

Lot No. 2084

2084 **1785 M.2-A.1. MBR. Strong Fine, sharpness of Very Fine in places.** Rarity 5 (traditional). 133.0 grains. Deep olive green. Surfaces uniformly micro-granular. Small pit top obverse, another touching bottom of 5 in date. Center reverse lightly pitted, granular. Both sides slightly off-center, as the Oechsner coin and pieces seen in two private collections. Not quite as nice as Oechsner:1019. Missing from the Hessberg sale. This variety very scarce above Fine. Rarity rating probably too low, more like a R-6 to do it justice. Perfect die states. No Condition Census data for 2-A.1, but we note the finest we have seen are the near Extremely Fine Oechsner and Very Fine ANS coins. This present piece may turn out to be a Condition Census coin! 550 $75.00

Ex David Sonderman's October 1984 Fixed Price List, lot 116.

BOWER'S 'MASS. HIST. SOC' NOV 18, 1994

3174 **1785 Miller 2-A.1. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8.** Rarity-4. 121.8 grains. The distinctive and popular Roman Style bust. Some central weakness, caused by the high relief of the obverse effigy. Slightly off center, typical for this date. Full obverse legends. Date and legends present on reverse, but weak at Liberty's pole hand. Medium tan surfaces display a hint of minor porosity, but still an attractive coin.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 7-8, 1990

137.50 125 125

ROUGH MATTE SURFACES

Lot No. 1680

1680 CONNECTICUT. 1785 Bust right. Very Fine (Miller 2-A.1). Nicely struck and centered on a broad planchet

1785: DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982
2.-A.1, R-3, Fine+, Bust Right.....$195.

STEVE IVY SALE FEB 24-26, 1993

1903 STEVE IVY SALE FEB 24-26, 1993
Connecticuts by Variety. 1785 Bust Right. Miller 2-A. Very Good (8), cleaned. Scarce type. 1 OF 4 PIECES

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988
401 1785, CONNECTICUT, Miller 2-A.1, Mailed Bust Right, Rarity-4,
36 Good. Granular surfaces but devices and date are mostly visible (35.50)

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984
2. 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.2-A.1. About Fine, some porosity and a couple of light planchet defects. Struck on a large planchet..... 50.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST SEPT, 1984 & OCT, 1984
116. 1785 Bust Right. M. 2-A.1. Fine to Very Fine. Evenly struck with dark charcoal, finely granular surfaces. 75.00
SEE STACK'S G. PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993 LOT # 2084 AT $550.00

2-A.1

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1785 M.2-A.1 #?
(VG10) VERY FINE

STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER" JUNE 8, 1994

360 - 425 - 467 50

OK FINE

Lot No. 3

J-ROCK

3 **1785 M.2-A.1. MBR. R-6** (revised). **Good Fine,** reverse not as sharp at top. Even olive brown, surfaces only micro-granular (save top and center of reverse). Hall attribution and rarity number painted on obverse. A good example of this variety, not Condition Census but nicer than four of the 11 we have seen.

Round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot. Ex Dr. Hall in 1890.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

22 **1785 M.2-A.1. MBR. R-6** (revised). Sharpness of Fine, technical grade a shade higher. 122.8 gns. Dark olive-green and brown as these usually are. Obverse always sharper, the center of the reverse on this coin is typically soft and quite granular looking. No serious flaws and no rim/edge damage. A good example of a very scarce variety that usually comes in Good Fine grades (this cataloguer has seen 13 of these, including one grading About Good and another Extremely Fine, the lowest and highest grades he has personally encountered on M.2-A.1's). Obverse perfect; reverse sinking in field below IN. DARK

100 / 300 / 330

Ex Julius Turoff Sale (Bowers & Ruddy, October 1, 1976, lot 515).

SEE COLOR PHOTO

BOWER'S "ALEXANDER SALE" NOV 14 & 16, 1996

NO BID

1657 **1785 Connecticut. Small Bust Right. Miller 2-A.1. VF-35.** 125.8 grains. Impeccable light brown surfaces with a trace of lustre. Slightly blunt strike. A small planchet mark is visible on the reverse at 3:00. Connecticut copper issues dated 1785 are most often found on dark and porous planchets. EYE RETOOLED

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE VERY RARE MILLER 2-A.1
A "ROMAN HEAD" VARIETY

→ POSSIBLY BOWERS "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY" SALE NOV 18, 1994 LOT #3174 (SAME WHT.)

77 1785 Connecticut, Miller 2-A.1, Large Roman Head. High Rarity-6. 121.8 grains. Very Fine, a nearly unheard of grade for this rare variety. Generally well struck, with full legends and date, and the central design details as sharp as we've ever seen. These dies were cut in very high relief and the central details are never fully stuck up—there just wasn't enough metal available to flow into the deepest parts of the dies. Attractive light brown color, the obverse has some scattered black encrustation, mainly confined to the bust, which may be removable by someone skilled in such matters. The reverse is quite choice, without a mark to speak of. A very difficult variety to find in any grade, the nicest that seem to have come up for sale were the VF/EF Oecshner coin that realized $1045 and the VF example in the EAC '75 sale. Everything else has been in noticeably lower grades: Taylor's was VG/F, the Perkins duplicate was a choice Fine, the best of the Ryder-Boyd coins was a Fine with a weak reverse, and the one in the recent Bowers and Merena sale of the Massachusetts Historical Society was just VG. Collectors have long known the rarity of these Roman Head type coins [the other variety, Miller 2-A.4, is probably a low R-7], and have paid strong prices for coins with little or no aesthetic value; a coin as pleasing as this should receive many orders at our price of only.....$299

Walter Breen's article on Connecticut coppers in Study on Money in Early America states that "as coins struck from this obverse are never well struck, Buell learned quickly that relief would have to be lower when he made his puncheons."

BOWER'S & MERENA "ELIASBERG COLL" MAY 20, 1996

2-A.1

1785 "Roman Head" Miller 2-A.1

Probably Finest Known ELIASBERG

NICE

425-
3800-
4180-

66 1785 Connecticut copper. "Roman" Head. Miller 2-A.1. Rarity-5. AU-55. Probably finest known.

Surfaces: Light brown. Weakness at center (as always on this issue) permits the original surface of the planchet to be studied in detail. However, the three shield motif details are readily visible. Obverse and reverse dies slightly misaligned axially.

Narrative: Obverse with male portrait right, in this instance sometimes called the *Roman Head*. Inscription AUCTORI: CONNEC. (by the authority of Connecticut) to left and right. Reverse with seated figure inspired by British and other coppers. Inscription INDE ETLIB ("Independence and liberty"). A high-grade coin with very little if any actual wear.

Die state and characteristics: Early. No breaks.

Weight: 124.6 grains.

Diameter: About 29mm.

Historical and numismatic notes: The state of Connecticut granted a franchise on October 20, 1785, to four of its citizens (the Company for Coining Coppers) to produce 2.4 million coppers of 144 grains each, for which a royalty of 5% was to be paid to the state. Hundreds of thousands were made before the Company dissolved on June 1, 1787, after which certain of its facilities in New Haven were acquired by James Jarvis and used to produce 1787 Fugio coppers under federal contract, although the main direction of Jarvis seems to have been the minting of unauthorized Connecticut coppers. Later, certain of the equipment and dies are said to have passed to Machin's Mills (Newburgh, New York) and used to produce still more copper coins with Connecticut motifs. In addition, there were other manufacturers, unauthorized, including the maker of the 1787 *Muttonhead* and, separately, coiners in New Jersey.

In general, as the years progressed from 1785 to 1788, weight and planchet quality of the Connecticut coppers declined as did the relief of the dies. Workmanship varied widely in view of multiple engravers and minting facilities. Errors abound, among which can be found the curious such as INDE over FUDE (the engraver thought he was making a Fugio cent) and 1787 over 1877, to those which may have been intended simply as evasions of standard legends such as AUCTOBI and AUCTOPI in place of the requisite AUCTORI, and the common ETLIR instead of ETLIB.

Today over 340 varieties of Connecticut coppers are known, with scarcely a year or two passing without another new die or combination coming to light, mostly among the plenteous 1787 Draped Bust Left issues.

1785 M.2-A.1 Wht.125.98 Grains. Very Fine. Nice light brown color. Eye retooled.
Ex Bower's "Alexander Sale" Nov 14-16, 1996 Lot#1657. No bid.
Dick August Collection 11/08/97.

2-A.1

ROSA AMERICANA (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

AN EXTREMELY CHOICE MILLER 2-A.1
The Rare "Roman Head" Obverse

93 1785 Connecticut. Miller 2-A.1, Large Roman Head. High Rarity-6. 127.9 grains. Choice Very Fine, some details calling for an even higher grade. The exact centers of the coin are a bit weakly struck, as always found. The designs were engraved too deeply in the dies, and there simply was not enough metal available on the broad, thin planchets to completely fill the deeper parts of the dies. The legends and date are bold and sharp, the latter unusual for the variety. Gorgeous light brown surfaces, the reverse with a slightly darker toning streak at the bottom. Just the most trivial of planchet flaws, none all that noticeable or detracting; the reverse shows some minor contact marks in the weak area, which were obviously there before the piece was stuck and represents the original surface condition of the planchet. Definitely high in the Condition Census for the variety, the only distinctly nicer piece that has ever come up for sale appears to be the EF Oechsner coin which sold for $1045 in an era when colonials were not as fully appreciated as they are today. The EAC '75 coin was marginally stronger but had porous surfaces, some old corrosion and was cleaned; the example on our last list [which received over a half dozen orders] was just a bit weaker and had some black encrustation on the obverse. Everything else has been in noticeably lower grades: Taylor's was VG/F, the Perkins duplicate was a Choice Fine and the best of the Ryder-Boyd-Ford duplicates was a weak Fine. A most unusual chance for the collector to add a choice, extremely attractive example of this rare variety and distinct type piece to their collection...$729

Walter Breen's article in the ANS publication Studies on Money in Early America states that "as coins struck from this obverse are never well struck, [engraver Abel] Buell learned quickly that relief would have to be lower when he made his puncheons."

ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

THE VERY RARE MILLER 2-A.1
Double Struck!

64 1785 Connecticut. Miller 2-A.1, Large Roman Head. High Rarity-6. 120.3 grains. Very Good, some details a bit sharper. Most of the legends visible; those on the right side weaker since the coin is DOUBLE STRUCK, the first strike most easily visible in the weak area, especially another O that is prominent above the O in CONNEC. There is also some detail of the original strike visible in the designs at the center of the coin — the original obverse head can be seen shifted about 10% to the right of the second strike and Ms. Liberty's neck is obscured by a portion of the rim from the original strike. The date is not visible, probably due to the overstriking process. Dark brown surfaces, slightly matte-like, but free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. A major rarity in the 1785 series, and one that is almost impossible to find in higher grades. Oecshner's EF was exceptional, and easily the finest known, followed by the Choice VF EAC '75 coin and the Choice VF on our last price list. Everything else we've seen has been much lower in grade: Taylor's was VG/F, the Perkins duplicate was Choice Fine and the best of the Ryder-Boyd-Ford duplicates was a weak Fine. This is the only double struck example of the variety that we have in our database and the coin is quite a coup for the Connecticut specialist.....$199

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ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

139. 1785 Connecticut. Miller 2-A.1. High Rarity-6. 131.3 grains. Very Fine in terms of strike and wear received. Generally bold, the legends full and sharp and the date fully on the planchet with a row of denticles beneath. As always, the central details are a bit flatly struck – no fully struck example of this obverse die exists. The surfaces are dark ebony brown, very lightly and evenly rough, a somewhat typical occurrence for this die variety. There is no post-striking damage or defect, and the coin is actually nicer than usually seen. This is a known rarity in the 1785 series, and it is one that is impossible to find in truly choice condition. The EF in Oecshner was the finest known, followed by Choice VF's in EAC '75 and on our Tenth price list. Most of the others that we have seen have been in noticeably lower grades – Taylor's was VG/F, the Perkins duplicate was a Choice Fine and the best of the Ryder-Boyd-Ford pieces was just a weak Fine. Here is an opportunity for the Connecticut specialist to pick up a well-detailed example of this rarity, one that is probably close to the tail end of the Condition Census, for one heck of a tame price.....$259

2-A.4

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

3* **1785. M. 2-A.4.** (R-3). Very similar but branch slightly taller. (Evidently Buel's hubs included devices and all letters but not punctuation nor branch). **Letters and parts of devices Fine, other details more like VG,** centers not well struck up, far fewer light obv. planchet defects than usual. The weakness in right central rev. (including ETL) is as made, showing identically on the Hoch Plate coin. This may be rarer than R-3, as auction records are lacking. It and preceding variety form with 6.1-A.1 an isolated group not much resembling any of Buel's other dies; it is thought that the high relief of the heads prevented proper striking, which fact induced Buel to introduce different hubs found on later varieties of this design. **(Photo) (75-up)**
*Bids accepted by mail only. $73

$73

EAC'75

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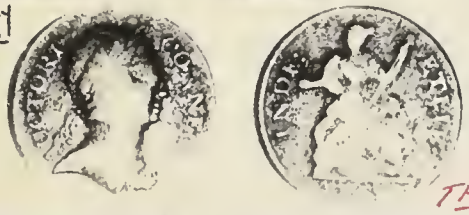
POROSITY TOO DARK



TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2295 1785 Connecticut. M 2-A.4. Mailed Bust Right. 119.9 grains. R-5. VG-8. Very similar overall to the 2-A.1 described in the preceding lot, and plainly from the same manufacturing facility. Same high relief obverse bust, called the "Roman" style. Consequent loss of central reverse detail due to high obverse relief. Legends clear and quite legible, full date. Some porosity on both surfaces. Tiny verdigris spot on reverse rim at 4:00. $71.50

$71.50

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2296 1785 Connecticut. M 2-A.4. Mailed Bust Right. 139.6 grains. R-5. Overall, G-6. Slightly misstruck, particularly on the reverse, with some loss of detail. Old attribution number painted on the obverse (removable). A second example of this variety of the 1785 Mailed Bust Right copper. $55 DARK, DEFECTIVE

$55

BOWERS' TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

516 1785 Bust right. 2-A.1 (R-3). Very Good to Fine. Some weakness at the right reverse due to striking. Exceptionally smooth planchet. A very pleasing coin overall.

25

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 7, 1985

1415 1785 Miller 2-A.4 (R-3). 127.6 grains. Cleaned. Very Good.
*29.70

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 2-A.4. (R-3). Abt. Fine .B.C.R. #14..... 29.00

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT 1971

1785 Bust right. 2.1-A.4 (R-3). Good $12.00; G-VG #12 9/71 15.00

CNL (BARNSLEY) COLLECTION, 1989

2-A.1	1785	VG4-	R3
2-A.4	1785	"Dog"	R3

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

3) 1785 M.2-A.4 Basically V.F. Obverse slightly off center. Defect on obverse head. Some light granularity on reverse. -C

SEE ENLARGED PHOTO

HERITAGE AUCTIONS 1993 ANA JULY 27-31, 1993

5013 1785 Connecticut Cent XF 45. Bust Facing Right. 5.51 grams. A pleasing medium brown coin that is surprisingly clean in the fields, and only shows minor porosity in the fields and is slightly off-center. Listed on page 40 of the current *Guide Book*

1,980

1785 2-A.4 Choice Extremely Fine Wht. 131.3 Grains. Tiny Edge Ding At 9:30 Obverse. Broad Flan. Medium Brown Color. Finest Known. Anthony Terranova Collection.

HOCH PLATE

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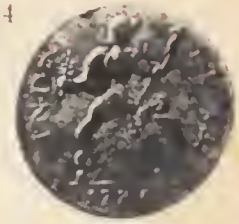

2-A.4

NEW NETHERLANDS 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

319 Connecticut Cents. 1785. Mailed bust r. Miller 2-A[4] (Rarity 3). The surfaces demand a grade of Fine or better, but some areas are very softly struck. Planchet slightly defective, the centers noticeably granular. A few rim abrasions are hardly worthy of mention. Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection, his attribution on edge. PHILIP KELLER
24-

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2461 Group of 1785 Connecticut coppers. M 2-A.4. F-12. Rarity-5. 142.3 grains. 29.2mm. 180°. Flan flawed, laminated, consequently weak in detail; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990
#5641

☆ M 2-A.4. Rarity-5.
302.50 VG-8/F-12. 140.5 grains. Obverse equivalent to Taylor:2294/5, reverse failing at B: to exergual line 1 OF 3 PIECES

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

.50 1802 1785. Similar types and punctuation. Rx. very similar. C. 2-A-4.

BOWER'S 'RIVER OAKS/KRUGSMANN' NOV 11-13, 1976

351 ~~(Group of Connecticut coppers~~: (1) 1785 Mailed bust right. Miller 2-A.4. Abt. Fine. Dark; ~~(2) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 4-L. Perfect die (early die state of the famed Horned Bust variety). Fine; (3) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 13-D. Fine; (4) 1787 Mailed bust left. Miller 15-F. F-VF. Some light planchet defects; (5) 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 32.2-X.2. Fine~~. (Total: 5 pieces)

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#6 SPRING 1992

19 1785 Connecticut, Miller 2-A 4 Rarity-5 117 7 grains Fine or so, with the usual weak strike found on these 1785 "Large Planchet" varieties, causing some details to appear in the Very Good range The legends and date are full though one or two letters are slightly weak Clean, matte-like medium brown, the devices a slightly lighter shade A couple tiny planchet laminations do not detract at all from the eye appeal of the present coin Although rated a Rarity-5, this variety just doesn't show up for sale all that often, causing us to suspect that its rarity rating should be adjusted upwards slightly $99

Walter Breen notes in his article in Studies on Money in Early America, that "as coins from this obverse are never well struck, Buell learned quickly that relief would have to be lower when he made his puncheons"

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION JUNE 20, 1991

TECHNICALLY FINEST

HESSBERG

HOLED PLUGGED

250-
425-
467.50

Lot No. 1332

DAVID MENCHELL

1332 **1785** Miller 2-A.4 (R-4). 145 grains. Mailed bust right, obverse in bolder relief than usual, the whole planchet slightly concave. Lower ⅔ of the reverse sharp. Glossy light brown, holed long ago and skillfully plugged over head. Extremely Fine.

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL. JULY 22, 1992

2591 **1785 Miller 2-A.4.** Mailed Bust Right. Rarity-5. 139.6 gns. About Fine, minor linear flaw on bust, reverse center soft, as usual. Deep orange tan. Obverse perfectly centered; reverse slightly off center toward upper right, affecting only the extreme tops of ET LI. Nicer than Taylor:2296, Norweb:2461, and the example in Bowers and Merena's November, 1990 sale. A rare variety, probably really R-6 rather than R-5. States equivalent to the Taylor coin's, reverse failing from B: to exergual line. OK ABT. FINE DECENT COLOR
440.00

In a database listing of over 3,600 Connecticut coppers only five other specimens of M 2-A.4 are noted. The number of M 2-A.1 listed, also rated R-5, includes eight different pieces. Thus, the rarity rating for the former might need revision upward.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

916 **1785 M.2-A.4. MBR.** Rarity 5 (traditional, probably really **Rarity 6.**) Weak Fine. 149.4 gns. Fairly even olive-brown. Both sides rough and granular in places. Small clip obverse at 6:00. Almost all known are in low grades. Die states uncertain, surfaces too worn.
VG STRIAE TO J-PIERVINCENTI
65-
280-
308.00

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

101 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR. M.2-A.4. R-6. Strong Fine but many nicks, lamination on head. 137.0 gns. Dark olive and brown; ~~M.3.3-F.3. R-4. Very Fine/Strong Fine. 145.4 gns. Roughened by flaws, pitted, obverse verdigris; M.3.4-F.1. R-3. Nearly Fine. 133.8 gns. Light golden brown, a bit rough, flaw above head; M.3.5-B. R-4. Fine. 133.9 gns. Brown. Obverse scratched and flawed, reverse rim lamination; M.6.4-F. R-3. About Fine. 128.2 gns. Golden brown. Major types clear, light obverse, little heavier reverse flaws.~~ 5 pieces.
75-
240.00
264.00

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

1 **1785** ~~Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 4 (revised). Fine/Very Good, small reverse rim dents, obverse rim clip 8:30. 134.9 gns. Gold and brown, granular. Attribution number painted on obverse, small "6" in right field;~~ **M.2-A.4. MBR. R-6** (revised). Very Good-Fine. 144.3 gns. Pale olive brown, surfaces lightly granular, a bit off center on both sides. Attribution number and small "3" painted on obverse. 2 pieces.
230.00
310.00
341.00

Both with round card tickets bearing the capitol letter H within a circle (hereafter described as "circle H") and both noted in pencil as "H/90" (i.e., ex Dr. Hall in 1890). The number 3 on the obverse of the second is the old Hall and Miller rarity rating for the variety but the exact meaning of the "6" on the first is unknown (it is not Crosby's, Hall's, nr Miller's rarity rating for a 1-E). It will be noted, however, that the variety is rated R-6 on the card ticket accompanying the coin. It would appear, therefore, that there was a third rarity rating for 1 E. Whose was it? JIM GOUDGE

~~M.1-E. Obverse clashed, reverse state uncertain.~~ M.2-A.4. Both dies lightly clashed.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

99 **1785** ~~Miller 1-E. Mailed Bust Right. R-4. Nearly Fine. 139.5 gns. Rough olive, slightly off center, obverse rim dent. Miller number in a fine hand in left obverse field;~~ M.2-A.4. MBR. R-6. Very Good to Fine. 132.9 gns. Olive brown, uniformly porous. Miller number in a fine hand on obverse. 2 pieces.
230-
230-
230-

2-A.4

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

23 **1785 M.2-A.4. MBR. R-6** (revised). Very Good, with some claims to Fine given the advanced die states. 133.9 gns. Good medium olive-brown, if a little mottled on the obverse. Some surface granularity and light nicks. Edge entirely hammered in around the circumference, to give the illusion of an upset rim. We have seen something similar on a couple of Connecticut's and New Jersey's. Obverse sinking in field below AUC; reverse clearly clashed.

100
110
121

ROSA AMERICANA (J. ROUC) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 2-A.4
Low Rarity-7!

94 1785 Connectiuct. Miller 2-A.4, Large Roman Head. Low Rarity-7. 130.1 grains. Fine or so. Nearly full legends, just the last C of CONNEC and ET on the reverse faint and the tops of a few other letters weak but visible. Full date, unusual for the variety. Weak at the absolute centers, as the dies were cut far too deep and there simply wasn't enough metal on the planchet to flow into the high points. Medium brown surfaces, slightly rough as always found on the variety, though not all that serious. A few light striations on either side do not detract. There is a small rim flaw visible at the obverse at K-5, which is mentioned solely for accuracy. An extremely rare variety, missing completely from the Taylor collection [the coin offered there was really a misattributed Miller 2-A.1; the easiest diagnostic is that on the A.1 reverse the branch ends at the colon whereas on the A.4 reverse it extends past it]. The only specimens that have come up for auction recently are the weak and rough Fine in Stack's September, 1993 sale [which was unfortunately not plated] and the coin in Stack's June, 1995 sale which was called VG but with the edges heavily hammered around. Indeed, we are aware of just three other auction records in the past two decades: the EAC '75 coin, a solid Fine, the Hessberg coin was EF but holed and plugged, and the Picker Reference collection piece which was VG and brought $440 [in the sale of that collection Michael Hodder noted he had just six examples in his database]. The variety was completely missing from all of the other major sales of Connecticut coppers such as Kessler-Spangenberger, Taylor, Picker, Steinberg, Perkins, Robison, Roper, the Stack's June, 1992 sale, Morton, Garrett, Schenkel, Oecshner and the recent C4 convention sale. That's an awful lot of collectors who had both the time and money to acquire examples but were unable to due to the rarity of the variety. We expect considerable interest in this specimen which has been off the market for two decades.....$729

From the collection of Lillian S. [Mrs. Thomes] Willins or Bndgton, Maine whose colonials were sold in 1981 to benefit the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. Eech colonial with this pedigree is sold with her original flip end notes which often contain extensive comments on diagnostics or pedigree. Most of Mrs. Willins' coloniel coins were purchesed from collector/dealer Richard August end were purchased in the 1960's on up to 1981.

The rarity of this variety seems to have been recognized rather eerly on. In e March 10, 1975 letter from Dick Buckley [whose Connecticut coppers were offered in New England Rere Coin Auctions "Bicentennial Publick II" sale in 1976] to Walter Breen he noted that the variety "has seldom come up by name. I heve never stumbled ecross one...over the yeers." This letter appeared es Lot 553 in the Money Tree's 24th Mail Bid sale [November 18, 1995].

2-A.4

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

The Extremely Rare Miller 2-A.4
The Large Roman Head

Low Rarity-7

Not in the Taylor collection!

110. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 2-A.4, the "Large Roman Head" type. Low Rarity-7. 134.4 grains. Fine, some details weaker than that grade level, as struck. The last couple of letters of CONNEC and most of ET LIB are weak, though the rest of the legends and the date are quite strong, the latter fully on the planchet with a row of denticles beneath it. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with a couple of light striations of no importance, and the reverse with an area of greenish roughness at the weak area. The centers of either side are a bit weakly struck, something that is ALWAYS found on the two varieties that share this obverse, since the dies were cut extremely deep and the large, thin planchets did not offer up enough copper to flow into the deepest portions of the dies. An extremely rare variety, completely missing from the Frederick B. Taylor collection [the coin offered there as a 2-A.4 was actually a 2-A.1; the easiest diagnostic for this reverse is that on the A.1 reverse the branch ends at the colon after INDE, while on the A.4 reverse it extends up past the colon]. Because of the misattribution in the Taylor sale, most of the few examples of this variety that have been offered have proven to actually be the 2-A.1 variety, an understandable situation since most collectors rely on the incredible Taylor catalogue to attribute their coins. We are aware of only a handful of correctly attributed specimens – a weak and rough Fine example in Stack's September 1993 sale (not plated, but correctly attributed) and a VG in the same firm's June, 1995 sale that had the edges hammered all the way around. Extending the search back through the last few decades, we find only three confirmed auction appearances: the Fine+ EAC'75 coin, the Hessberg coin which was an amazing EF but holed and plugged, and the Picker Reference Collection piece that was just VG, but still managed to bring $440 in spirited bidding; in the sale of that last piece, Michael Hodder noted that he had seen just six examples of the variety. We were able to offer a specimen on our Eleventh price list in 1996 that was a slightly weaker Fine, which received multiple orders at $729. The variety was COMPLETELY missing from all the other major sales of Connecticut coppers, such as Kessler-Spangenberger, Taylor, Picker, Steinberg, Perkins, Robison, Roper, Morton, Garrett, Schenkel, Oecshner, the various C4 offerings. That's an awfully impressive list of collectors who had both the time and money to acquire what they wanted, but were not able to obtain even a low grade example! The piece in the permanent collection of the American Numismatic Society is a slightly granular VF and the specimen in the holdings of The Colonial Newsletter Foundation is graded as just VG. We expect considerable interest in this piece, which is on the want list of a lot of collectors.....$629

The rarity of this variety seems to have been recognized rather early on. In a March 10, 1975 letter from Dick Buckley (whose own Connecticut copper collection was offered by New England Rare Coin Auctions the following year) to Walter Breen, he noted that the variety "has seldom come up by name. I have never stumbled across one...over the years." This letter appeared as Lot 533 in the November 1995 mail bid sale of numismatic literature offered by The Money Tree.

1785 M.2-A.4 WHT 131.3 GRAINS. CHOICE EXTREMELY FINE.
ANTHONY TERRANOVA COLLECTION
EX HERITAGE AUCTIONS "1993 SALE" JULY 27-31,1993 LOT#5013

3.1-A.3

PINE TREE' EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

4* **M. 3.1–A.3.** R–3. New hubs, head in lower relief, taller and less round; I and EC low; this obv. working die distinguished by O of AUCTORI first cut far too low then corrected. **Most details VF, some nearer to EF,** light tan with interesting partly streaky mottling, few tiny rim and edge nicks; **overall of extraordinary quality** for one of these, apparently **in the Condition Census,** very close indeed to the Hoch Plate coin. Notably sharper than the Appleton–MHS coin. **($125–up)**

*Bids accepted by mail only.

$125

EAC'75

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BOWERS 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 11 1976

517 1785 Bust Right. 3.1–A.3 (R-3). A *superb* EF-AU specimen of this issue. Exceedingly sharply struck at the centers, including the hair and wreath detail on the obverse and the shield devices on the reverse. Planchet is virtually defect-free, the only exception being some trivial striae after the colon following AUCTORI, and a minute clip below the shoulder. Pleasing chocolate-brown color. One of the very finest known examples of this issue. An outstanding coin!

$140

STACK'S "MASS HIST. SOC" OCT 23, 1970 MHS

115 **1785 Miller 3.1-A. 3.** Very Fine. Rarity 3. Another far above average specimen for the variety. The shield especially sharp showing all three grapevines clearly. The drapery and folds of the skirt also sharp. There are a few minor rim planchet defects, one just reaching O, one affecting the right upright on N of INDE, and a third weakening the head of the reverse figure. Much better than the mention of these defects makes it appear. Mostly smooth surfaces and a warm medium brown. **PLATE** $40

OVER

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BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

VF 20 OVERALL OK

$154

NORWEB

2462 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-A.3. VF-30.** Rarity-4. 128.1 grains. 28.3mm. 195°. Dark, glossy brown. Sharpness and technical grades roughly congruent, reverse usually softly struck (see Taylor: 2297). Immediately recognizable obverse, O in AUCTORI first punched in too low on the die, later corrected.

Purc' ased between 1913 and 1915.

1785 M 3.1-A.3

Among the Finest Known

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TOO DARK VF ONLY

$357.50

TAYLOR

2297 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-A.3. Mailed Bust Right.** 149.5 grains. R-4. **EF-45.** Very little apparent wear. Planchet surfaces are glossy brown and smooth, with a wealth of excellent detail. Minor fissures and striations, which appear to be characteristic of the combination. Finer than the Stack's/M.H.S. or Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimens.

Combination 3.1-A.3 appears to have been struck from finely cut dies, as this variety is quite easily obtained in Very Fine condition. In fact, two of the nicer specimens offered in the past 15 or so years (the Stack's M.H.S. and Pine Tree E.A.C. specimens) were almost as sharply struck as this present example. The reverse strike on this piece is sharp enough to make out longitudinal and latitudinal lines on the globe on which the figure is seated, as well as the grape clusters on the vines on the shield supported by the figure.

$357.50

We shall call the reverse figure Miss Liberty, on the strength of her resemblance to the reverse types appearing on later federal United States coinage. She bears a pole surmounted by a plain liberty cap. Our usage of the term Miss Liberty is in the best numismatic tradition, as Miller himself named her the Goddess of Liberty.

BOWER'S "MANN-SMEDLEY" SEPT 13, 14, 1988

3053 1785 Connecticut copper. M 3.1-A.3. F-15 to VF-20. Rarity-4. 162.4 grains. Deep golden brown. A few planchet fissures, typical of the combination. Minor rim clip above EC.

$44

From our sale of the Arnold-Romisa Collection:610, September 1984

BOWER'S 'M. COHEN SALE' JAN 24-26, 1985

LOT #

1785 Bust Right. Miller 3.1-A.1

2311 Very Fine or better from the standpoint of actual wear, but with some planchet defects and lightness of impression around the borders and with a green oxidation area on the reverse. The central details of the portrait are outstanding and, if graded alone, would be Extremely Fine: 1 OF 5 PIECES

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NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

1785 Bust Facing Right M #3.1–A3 (R–3) FINE–15 with a deep obverse planchet defect at 6 o'clock. Glossy surfaces and attractive.

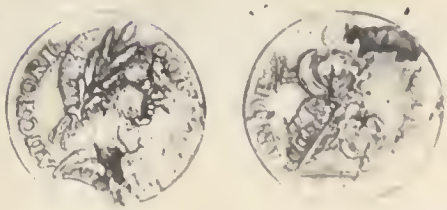
45

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2298 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-A.3. Mailed Bust Right.** 135.9 grains. R-4. **EF-40.** A second example of this combination, with sharpness almost equal to that on the piece in the preceding lot. Struck on a deeply fissured and laminated planchet, with some lost detail on the obverse bust. Legends and punctuation clear; surfaces a nice, pale golden brown. OK COLOR, TOO DEFECTIVE

$121



3.1-A.3

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

SOME LGT. GREEN VERDIGRIS

300-
700-

OECHSNER

D. PARTRICK

MAHOGANY VF 35/40 OK+

Lot No. 1020

1020 1785 Miller 3.1-A.3. Mailed bust right. (R-4). 145.1 grains. **Choice Very Fine,** deep reddish brown toning, some verdigris at the left obverse. A planchet crack across the upper reverse. Glossy surfaces, strong detail. Comparable in many ways to the Taylor coin.
$770

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1328 1785 Miller 3.1-A.3 (R-3). Very Fine, some details of Extremely Fine sharpness; full strong date, all 3 vine leaves clear on shield. Light granularity, and soft strike at right rims. $104.50
104.50

STACK'S "T. HENRY ALLEN" FEB 4, 1977

19 **1785 Miller 3.1-A.3.** Rarity 3. A far above average specimen for this variety. The shield especially sharp showing all three grapevines clearly. The drapery and folds of the skirt also sharp. There are a few minor rim planchet defects, one just reaching 'O', one affecting the right upright on 'N' of INDE, and a third weakening the head of the reverse figure. Much better than the mention of these defects makes it appear. Mostly smooth surfaces and a warm medium brown. **Very Fine.** Ex Massachusetts Historical Society Sale, October 23, 1970, lot 115.
47.50

over

JACK BEYMER SEPT. 1984

1785 Connecticut Bust right, page 37, M3.1-A.3, R3, VF-25 .... 215.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 7, 1985

1416 1785 Miller 3.1-A.3 (R-3). 130.0 grains. Dark brown toning, porous with planchet defects on reverse head and wreath very sharp. Very Fine.
44-

COIN GALLERIES SALE' NOV 9, 1982 SOME FLAN STRIKE

1294 1785 Mailed Bust Right. M.3.1-A.3. Very Fine. Evenly struck with no weakness. Medium brown surfaces. 140.00

STACK'S SALE' SEPT 17, 1986

15 1785 Miller 3.1-A.3 (R-3). Very Fine, strong obverse detail. Deep brown fields with lighter devices. Full date, all three vines clear on shield, weak at right sides.
$176-

CONDITION CENSUS 1785 M. 3.1-A.3

LOT NO. 25

$300-

AMWEST "V.I.P. SALE" NOV 19, 1981

25 1785 Mailed Bust Right. Miller 3.1-A.3 (R-3). Choice Very Fine. Dies by Abel Buel, produced for the "Company for Coining Coppers," a private mint which operated from October 1785 through June 1787. This concern, thought to be located in Westville, was operated by Bishop, Haphins, Hillhouse and Goodrich. The present coin is an extremely choice example of this important variety. Rich brown fields with some scattered patches of brick red patina. Legends full, most of date visible. One planchet defect to the right of the mail, otherwise cleaner than most.

SUPERIOR "WYATT SALE" SEPT 30-OCT 1, 1985

47 1785 Cent. Mailed bust right. Miller-3.1-A.3 (R-3). New hubs, head in lower relief, taller and less round; I and EC low. Very Fine. Mottled light brown with reddish shades. Struck on a defective flan, showing some light laminations and a severe depression involving the entire end of bust.
110-
. . . . . ($150- 250)

47

3.1-A.3

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1803 1785. Coarser head to r, similar. Rx. V. similar. C. 3-1 and A-3.
2.25 VG & fine. Rare. 2 pcs.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY) COLL. 1989

3.1-A.3	1785	VG+/G	R7	Squareish edges like British
3.1-A.3	1785	VF	R3	
3.1-A.3	1785	F+/F-	R3	

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1333 1785 Miller 3.1-A.3 (R-4). 136 grains. Mailed bust right, a crudely prepared, laminated planchet with clip as made at 9 o'clock. ~~Very Fine~~. HESSBERG
VG/FINE TOO MUCH STRIAE

BOWER'S ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

609 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-A.3. Mailed Bust right. Very Fine obverse, Fine reverse. Some planchet streaks. 170.50 FINE
DEFECTS

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

610 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-A.3. Variety as preceding. Fine or better. Some minor planchet flaws and a tiny edge clip. 88 —
DEFECTS

Note: It is to be remembered that these Connecticut coppers were not minted for sale to collectors or for viewing by connoisseurs! They were produced under relatively primitive circumstances using crude copper stock struck with dies engraved rather hastily (in most instances). Of course, to the advanced collectors this is what makes them charming. If they were simply machine-stamped at a high rate of speed and were all uniform in appearance and available in Proof condition, the appeal would be totally lost!

1785 3.3-F.3. WT. 147.8 GR.

WRONG COLOR PHOTO

DICK AUGUST FPL MARCH 1980 —
R. MARTIN 3/3/87 — D. MITUZAS.
F/VF 18. NICE COLOR 147.8 GR.

1785 Bust right. 3.1-A.3 (R-3). Abt. Good $8.00; G-VG $17.00; Very Good $22.00; VF-EF $99.00; Extremely Fine, some planchet striations. Rare in such superior condition 129.00
BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW" #14 APRIL, 1972

HOCH PLATE

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

4) 1785 M.3.1-A.3 Basically X.F. strike. Some planchet cracks on obverse and some localized weakness in reverse legend. -C

NASCA'S GIBBONS' SALE DEC 7-10, 1981

2233 1785. M.3.1-A.3. Sharp VF.
30.00 *Really nice sharp details on hair and face, somewhat soft strike at very edge at upper right and matching lower right reverse (incl. last digit of date), somewhat defective planchet but better than often encountered*

KAGINS LIST, SEPT, 1981

1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.1-A.3 Rarity-3. Bust right, planchet defect has created small hole at left VF-25 ..... 149.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHEINREL SALE' NOV 17, 1983

5642 1785 M 3.1-A.3. Rarity-4. F-12/VF-30. 145.6 grains. Reverse struck slightly off center. Sharpness in places equivalent to VF-30, obverse very porous, overall value, F-12. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2297/8.
110.00

STACK'S N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973

6 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-A.3. (Rarity 3); ~~Miller 6.1-A.1. (Rarity 3); Miller 6.2. F.1. (Rarity 4)~~. Good. Although of lower quality than the above lot, they are still acceptable specimens. 3 pieces.
32.50

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

24 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M-3 1-A 3. Very Fine. Well struck on a medium brown planchet..... 240.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1978?

1785 Bust Right, M. 3.1-A.3, (R-3), VF/Fine, well-centered, nice color, some light uniform porosity, strong portrait.....45.00

3.1-A.3

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.3.1-A.3
VERY FINE 20

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.3.1-A.3
NO GRADE

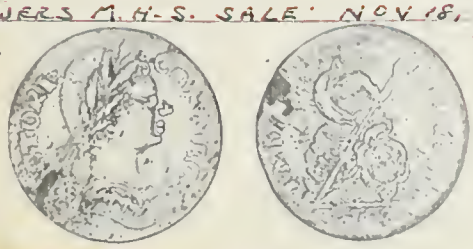
STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100 250 275 302 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on their obverses: ~~**M.1-E.** R-4. About Fine. 133.6 gns. Somewhat rough olive;~~ **M.3.1-A.3.** R-4. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places but heavily flawed and rough. 144.3 gns; ~~**M.3.1-L.** R-4. About Good/Very Good. 131.5 gns. Dark olive. Rim flaws; **M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Very Good. 139.5 gns. Rough brown, reverse scratched. Obverse attributed as "3/F" only; **M.4.3-A.2.** R-1. Very Good/About Good, olive brown. 123.5 gns. Very late reverse state; **M.4.3-D.** R-4. About Good, dented and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.6.1-A.1.** Low R-5. Very Good/About Good, lighter olive brown. Somewhat rough and flawed, very late reverse state; **M.6.2-F.1.** R-3, probably really higher. Fine, bent, obverse rough. 128.1 gns. Late obverse state, not often seen so.~~ 8 pieces.

BOWERS M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3176 121 **Connecticut copper quartette,** representing each year of coinage for the series: ☆ **1785 M 3.1-A.3. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20/VG-10.** Rarity-4. 119.5 grains. Sharper on the obverse than on the reverse. Some tiny, natural flan fissures noted ☆ ~~**1786 M 5.0-B.1. Mailed Bust Left. F-12/VG-8** for sharpness. **Rarity-6.** 145.1 grains. Die alignment: 250°. A natural planchet fissure at 7:00 on the obverse edge carries through to the reverse. Additionally, some old obverse gouges are present, along with a scraped area of black patina. A rarity that should be seen before bidding judgment is passed. ☆ **1787/8 M 9-R. Mailed Bust Left. G-4,** cleaned. **Rarity-6.** 133.2 grains. Die alignment: 200°. Sharpness approaching a higher grade, particularly on the reverse, but harshly cleaned to an unnatural redness long ago and now retoning. ☆ **1788 M 11-G. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-3.** 105.5 grains. Dark brown with faint, uniform surface porosity. This selection includes two highly elusive varieties.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

BOWERS M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994



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3175 **1785 M 3.1-A.3. Mailed Bust Right. EF-40 for sharpness and overall quality.** Rarity-4. 146.0 grains. Readily equivalent to Taylor: 2298, lacking the major fissures displayed by that example. Some small obverse and reverse fissures are present, as almost always seen for this die combination. A pleasing coin that will grace any Connecticut copper cabinet.

COIN GALLERIES PICKER REF. COLL. JULY 22, 1992

2592 55 **1785 M 3.1-A.3.** MBR. R-4. 148.0 gns. Sharpness of a strong Very Fine where struck up, overall value of Very Good-Fine. Struck on a planchet damaged by the cutter, lower left obverse and upper left reverse failing to receive the full impressions of the dies. Dark olive and reddish-brown (old cuprous oxide). Touch of verdigris on reverse. States uncertain due to flan irregularity. An affordable example of a variety which is occasionally found in Extremely Fine condition. VG OVERALL DARK

BOWERS 'QUARTTE SALE' MARCH 26, 1992

1581 154 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.1-A.3. Mailed Bust Right.** VF-20. Rarity-4. 145.6 grains. A medium brown specimen, well defined at the centers, with some weakness at the rims. Slightly off center to the left on the reverse. Some reverse planchet fissures and striations are noted, seemingly typical for the variety.

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.1-A.3. Very Fine, light brown surfaces, weak reverse legend due to strike, though date is almost full. One small rim nick on obverse is the only detracting mark..... 100.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.1-A.3. Choice Very Fine, smooth chestnut brown surfaces with only a few minor planchet flaws. Strong strike, full date and legends- a very nice type piece..... 175.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

3. 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.1-A.3. Good/About Good, decent flan... 12.00

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980 — VF ONLY WHT. 147.9 GR.

TO R MARTIN - D. MITUZAS 3/3/87
SEE PHOTO

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

530 45 **1785. Mailed Bust Right. Company For Coining Coppers. M.3.1-A.3** (R-3). Very Good, dark, porous and ~~[illegible] M.3.3-L.3 (R-4). Very Good, brown patina with light surface graphiteny. [illegible] M.4.4-L.2 (R-3). Very Good or better. Some details nearly Fine. [illegible]~~ 3 pcs. ($180.-210.)

3.1-A.3

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

4 **1785 M.3.1-A.3. MBR.** R-4. Fine but extremely granular, quite soft on reverse. 140.6 gns. Dark olive brown; **M.3.3-E.3. MBR.** ~~R-4. Very Good, heavily flawed,~~ brown and gold. ~~146.6 gns. Attribution painted on reverse in tiny characters. Die states of both uncertain due to surface condition.~~ 2 pieces. VGW

~~The second with an atypical round paper ticket.~~

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" SALE OCT 12, 1996

LOVELY M.3.1-A

405
460
506

TOM RINALDO

183. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.1-A.3 MBR (R-4) VF25 172.1 gns. A lovely example, a light almost golden olive brown. Semi glossy with a small number of tiny flaws and striae but none are significant and none are in a area central to the design. Free from porosity or damage. The centers are quite strong with peripheral weakness as is often found with the variety, mostly effecting INDE of the reverse legend Several strong examples of this variety are known but this is certainly among the more pleasing extant. It is also remarkably heavy for any Connecticut, let alone for a 1785, let alone for a M.3.1-A.3.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

78 1785 Connecticut, Miller 3.1-A.3. Rarity-4. 119.5 grains. Very Fine/Fine, the reverse a bit weaker than the obverse as is often found on the variety. The central obverse details are strong and the legends are complete and bold except for NNEC, which are faint but visible. The reverse is weaker around the peripheries and though the legends are complete, the tops of ET LIB and Liberty's head are weak. The date is fully readable. Medium brown surfaces, with just a few light planchet fissures on either side, none of which are all that serious and which are certainly lighter than what is normally found on the 1785 issues. No post-striking damage or defect, which makes for a pleasing and inexpensive example of the variety or type.....$89

1785 Connecticut are notorious for poor planchet stock. What has to be remembered is that none of the people involved in the coining process had any real experience in minting technology and they really learned as they went along. By the time the 1787 Draped Bust Left issues were minted planchet production had been streamlined enough that the finished product was much nicer than those seen on the earlier issues. Any 1785 Connecticut without planchet flaws is an automatic rarity, and one that has small, unobtrusive flaws is about the best that the type collector can do without spending a significant amount of money.

3.1-A.3

— ROSA AMERICANA (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

AN INCREDIBLY CHOICE MILLER 3.1-A.3
The Finest Known Example! ?

95 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-A.3. Rarity-4. 158.8 grains. Choice About Uncirculated.? Boldly struck, with full legends, a sharp date and incredible design detail on either side, including all the hair and drapery detail on the obverse effigy, full dress detail on Liberty, a complete set of globe lines and every grapevine on the shield bold and crisp. The surfaces are a hard, slightly glossy light brown, the color obviously faded down from original mint luster. While 1785 Connecticut's are notorious for poor planchet stock, this one is quite choice. There is an extremely tiny edge flaw at the obverse rim at K-3 and some very minor striae that is not even visible at first glance. One of the most breathtaking 1785's that we've ever seen, the strike, surfaces and color all far nicer than what is usually found on the coins of this year. Even better, this appears to be THE FINEST KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THE VARIETY.? Only two examples have ever appeared that are even close to this coin in overall quality: the EAC '75 coin, which was more-or-less Extremely Fine, and the Taylor piece which was a full EF and called "Among the Finest Known." This one is better struck than either of them, and has far nicer surfaces than the Taylor piece. Everything else has been in notably lower grades — Hessberg's was just Fine, Norweb had a flawed VF and Oecshner had a corroded VF+ that still managed to realize $770! There was no example at all of the variety in collections like Picker, Roper, Steinberg, Garrett and Kessler-Spangenberger. The example in the ANS is a weak EF, with several large planchet cracks, while the best example in the Colonial Newsletter Foundation's collection is just a Choice Fine. One of the more exceptional pieces that we've ever been privileged to handle, this particular example has never before appeared for sale, having been in the same collection for several decades and just now being offered to a new generation of collectors. A fantastic coin, and an important opportunity for the Connecticut specialist to obtain the finest known example of the variety.....$1829

From the collection of Lillian S. Willins or Bridgton, Main, with her original flip and notes, pedigree unfortunately unrecorded.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING, 1996

96 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-A.3, another. 140.1 grains. Choice Very Fine. Well struck, with full legends, a sharp date and all the finer details expected of the grade, including full globe lines and details in Liberty's dress on the reverse. Hard medium brown surfaces. Better planchet stock than normally found, though not perfect. The obverse has a number of tiny flaws, the only one of any real importance is over the E of CONNEC and even that one isn't that large. The reverse is much cleaner, though some ancient hairlines can be seen under a glass. Although not in the same class as the above coin, this is still an extremely sharp and quite attractive piece. It would certainly fit in well with a middle-grade type or variety set, and with the full legends, date and design details it would be difficult to improve upon without spending a lot more money!.....$229

From the collection of Lillian S. Willins of Bridgton, Maine. Accompanied by her original flips with the notation "Duplicate." written in red ink.

1785 Connecticuts are notorious for poor planchet stock, especially those in obverse die families 1, 2, 3 and 4. What has to be remembered is that none of the people involved in the coining process had the least bit of experience in minting technology. They learned as they went along, and by the time the 1787 Draped Bust issues were being struck the entire process had been streamlined enough that the quality was much nicer than the earlier efforts.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

97 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-A.3, a third. 134.5 grains. Very Good to Fine, probably fully of the latter grade level, but a bit weakly struck. Most of the legends are visible, as is the date. Light brown surfaces, mottled with a much darker color in the fields. The obverse has some small planchet flaws at the lower right, the reverse with just one insignificant striation, else clean. A pleasing, lower-grade example of this type.....$49

Also from the collection of Mrs. Lillian S. Willins of Bridgton, Maine. This one was held on to her in the hope that it was a rare or unlisted combination [per her annotated flip], though it is obviously of this variety. In the era that Mrs. Willins was collecting there were few published sources on Connecticut coppers, with the Pine Tree 1975 EAC sale being the only one with photographs. Today's collector has it much easier with the major sales like Taylor, Hessberg, Oecshner, Perkins, Picker, Roper, Garrett, Norweb, Frontenac and the many Boyd-Brand-Ryder auctions all having photographs and descriptions of the pieces offered.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

111. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 3.1-A.3. Rarity-4. 153.4 grains. Fine, the central details more like a VF grade, but the peripheries weaker – the opposite of what one usually finds on the 1785 CT's! About three-quarters of the legends are visible, though individual letters are often weak, and part of the date is there as well. The saving grace of this particular coin is that it has some of the prettiest color and surfaces that we have seen on an '85 – hard, somewhat glossy golden medium brown, free of the large and unsightly striations that often plague the type; a few small marks on the reverse do not really detract. While not a coin that will break the bank, it is a most pleasing circulated example of a 1785 issue, and with a lot more eye appeal that specimens that might be a grade or two higher! Connecticut's like this will not be available at this price level for long.....$99

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

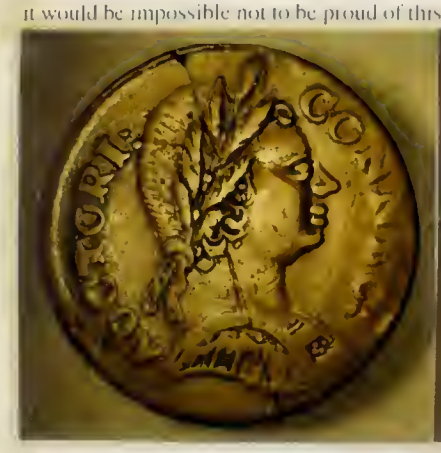
3.1-A.3

CHOICE 1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.1-A.3

400-
640-
704-

A. TERRANOVA

137. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.1-A.3 Mailed Bust Right (R-4) VF35 151.3 gns. A lovely coin, even nicer than the choice example in our 10/96 C4 sale. Light brown with hard glossy surfaces. Well centered, though the bottom loop of the date's 5 fails to show due to the curved edge of the planchet. Unlike our 10/96 coin the legends here are strong and full. A thin striation naturally bisects the obverse vertically, but there is no damage or marks on this coin. Almost as strong as the Oechsner coin (which was called "comparable in many ways to the Taylor coin, which was called "Among the finest known" - how's that for circular reasoning?), but it has better color and lacks the verdigris that coin had. Though this likely falls just shy of the condition census, it would be impossible not to be proud of this coin, were one to own it.



McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

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138. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.1-A.3 MBR (R-4) VF20 137.8 gns. Another strong example, this with medium brown but rough surfaces, with flaws at the right of both sides.

3.1-A.3

CHANGES MADE TO MILLER'S COMBINATIONS

Additions		Deletions
	-1785-	
3.1-F.3	R. Picker reported this in 1961 as a new combination of known dies. (Colonial Newsletter, Vol. II, No. 1, P. 2). Three specimens located: ANS, ERB, Private collector.	———

NEW MULING VARIETY EAC'75

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

(5) **1785. Not in Miller. M. 3.1-F.3.** R-8. **New muling, unknown to Miller or Ryder,** discovered in the 1920's (?) and until recently known only from the Canfield coin impounded in ANS museum; **one of only three known, the third being in the Barnsley collection (Colonial Newsletter 3/64, p. 26). VG,** usual weak uneven strike, DE not visible, AUCTO blurry; interesting multicolored patina, usual striated flan defects plainest at lower obv. No auction record. **(Photo)** **($200.-up)** $140 $140

$140

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1785 M 3.1-F.3 EAC'75 BUCKLEY

Possibly Finest Known TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

BIT DARK

$302.50

(2299) **1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-F.3. Mailed Bust Right.** 127.9 grains. R-7. VG-8/G-4. At least Rarity 7, six specimens traced: A.N.S.; Norweb, this specimen, two pieces ex-Barnsley, another. Obverse sharpness close to Fine grade. Most of obverse legend legible, reverse DE not visible. Planchet striations on reverse.

From The Pine Tree E.A.C. Convention Sale, February 1975, Lot 5.

This combination was unknown to Miller. Discovered in the mid-1950s in the ANS Collection, and was first reported by Richard Picker in *The Colonial Newsletter*, vol. II no. 1, p. 2.

Like the coppers of their contemporary, northern counterparts, the Vermonts, the Connecticut series notably declines in planchet quality, strike quality, and weight from 1785 to 1788. Lack of state audit, increased awareness of profit potential for low weight coppers, and the dissemination of dies and tools among various workshops, all account for decline in "quality". On the other hand, these same factors have, unconsciously, created varieties for later collectors and which may not have existed otherwise.

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EAC'75 BUCKLEY

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

1785 Bust Facing Right M #3.1-F.3 (R-8) Not listed or ever seen by Miller, this is one of three pieces known. ALMOST GOOD-3, with light obverse planchet flaws and two horizontal planchet streaks on the reverse.

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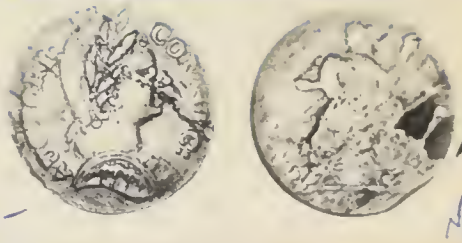
1785 M 3.1-F.3

Among the Finest Known

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988



TOO DEFECTIVE

NORWEB

$209

2463 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-F.3.** F-12/AG-3, among the finest known. 134.8 grains. 28.3mm. 175°. Rarity-7, eight known: ANS; Taylor: 2299; two ex Barnsley; two others in private collections. Obverse sharper than the Taylor coin, but reverse considerably weaker. Reverse deeply flawed, similar to the Taylor coin.

Purchased between 1913-1915.

This combination unknown to Miller. First discovered circa 1955, first published by the late Richard Picker in *The Colonial Newsletter*, Volume II, no. 1, p. 2.

SEE STACK'S "PERKINS SALE" JAN 14, 1998 LOT # 225 (PLATE) AT $2,750-

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY) COLLECTION 1989

3.1-F.3 1785 G+ R-7+

3.1-F.3 1785 G- R-7+ Dark; striations.

3.1-F.3

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

5) 1785 M.3.1-F.3 Uneven strike. Some details Fine, others obscured, such as AUCTORI and corresponding INDE on reverse. -C

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

1785 3.1-F.3 Anthony Terranova Collection Privately Circa 2004
Very Fine, Even Brown Color, Some Pitting on Reverse

ADDITIONS:

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

3.1-F.3 -- Discovered around 1955 from the Frederick Canfield specimen in the American Numismatic Society collection (that specimen, although marked "3F3" in the left field, remained unattributed until at least two decades after the New Jersey Historical Society donated the Canfield collection to the A.N.S.). First reported by the late Richard Picker in *The Colonial Newsletter*, Volume 2, No.1. At least seven specimens now known, including ANS, Norweb, Craige-Bowers-EAC '75-Taylor, and two in the Barnsley/CNL Reference collection.

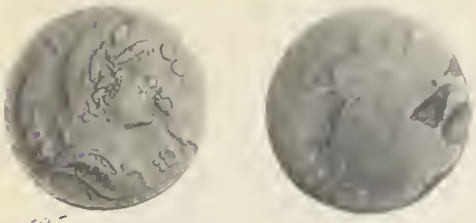
3.1-F.3

STACK'S "PERKINS" SALE - JAN 14, 1998

1785 MILLER 3.1-F.3

EX NORWEB # 2643

Among the Finest Known



1,250 –
2,500 –
2,750 –

Lot No. 225

225 **1785 M.3.1-F.3.** MBR. **R-7.** 134.8 gns. Fine obverse/About Good reverse. Brown fields, lighter golden brown on the high points. Both surfaces micro-granular. Obverse striated linearly from upper left down through effigy's face. Reverse deeply flawed in three places at the right, light linear flaws diagonally up from left to right. **Very rare:** we have seen only four specimens but know of four others for a total current census of eight known. Two of those are ex Barnsley Collection and a third is in the ANS. Thus, there are only five known that can be owned privately. Despite the problems with this example's flan this is **among the finest known**, exceeding the Taylor coin's grade. The finest seems to be a technical EF owned by a west coast collector.

Ex Norweb Collection Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 24, 1988, lot 2463); purchased by Albert Fairchild Holden between 1913 and 1915 from an unrecorded source, possibly a Hall duplicate.

EX. BOWERS NORWEB SALE MARCH 24, 1988

Die states uncertain due to surface and strike conditions. This combination was unknown to Miller. It was discovered in the 1950's in the ANS Collection trays and was first published by Richard Picker in The Colonial Newsletter, vol. II, no. 1, p. 2.

3.1-F.3

3.1-L

PERHAPS THE FINEST KNOWN

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

6 1785. M. 3.1-L. R-4. **Some details nearly EF, the rest VF;** light central striated defects as made, fewer than usual; mostly sharply struck on a planchet which has acquired an amazing multicolored patina, from tan to brick red to many shades of brown with patches of green. **Finest we have seen;** next to it the Miller Plate coin is poor. Noticeably finer than Lot 116, Appleton-MHS coll., "VF" or Lot 122, Merkin Oct. 1973 Sale. Much finer than that in New Netherlands 60th Sale. Apparently the "EF" from the Bowers Aug. 1972 list. **(Photo) ($200.-up)**

$140

EAC'75

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BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988

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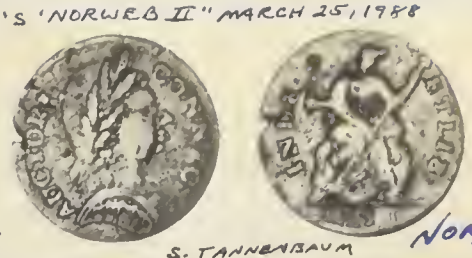


$44 -

S. TANNENBAUM NORWEB

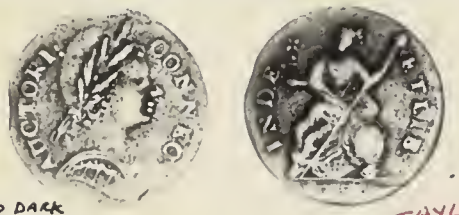
2464 1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-L. F-15. Rarity-4. 136.7 grains. 28.5mm. 170. Rim cracked at 9:00 on the obverse. Dark golden brown. Very close to the Condition Census for the variety.
Purchased from Richard Picker, date unrecorded

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2461 M 3.1-L. Fair-2/G-6. Rarity-4. 133.2 grains. 28.6mm. 165°. Porous. Obverse very indistinct, but state seems to be 3.1 rather than 3.2; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

1785 M 3.1-L

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987



BIT TOO DARK FINE OVERALL

TAYLOR

2301 1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. 153.4 grains. R-4. VF-20. A second specimen of this variety, with overall sharpness of VF-20. The planchet is microscopically porous, with a "fuzzy" aspect to the details. Notably free from the planchet striations and laminations often found on this variety, so, in that respect, unusual. Minor planchet clip at 9:00 on obverse.

$165

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

HESSBERG

JUST FINE BIT TOO DARK

125 -
125 -
$137.50

Lot No. 1334

1334 1785 Miller 3.1-L (R-4). 138 grains. Mailed bust right, a "fuzzy" strike as most examples seen of this variety. The deep olive planchet is free of the striations that disfigure so many Connecticut coppers. Boldly detailed overall. Strong Fine.

SEE STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST FALL, 1992 AT $195

1785 M 3.1-L

Possible Condition Census

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

MEDIUM REDDISH BROWN

OK + VF25

FLAWS MINOR

TAYLOR

2300 1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. 129.6 grains. R-4. VF-20. A high-grade specimen of this variety, which is possibly within the Condition Census for it. Fairly smooth, medium golden brown planchet. Typical lack of detail beneath the effigy's head (the neck is rarely, if ever, present). Very typical planchet striations, as seen on many high-grade specimens of this variety (Pine Tree/E.A.C., Lot 6, and Stack's/M.H.S., Lot 116). Pronounced planchet cutter mark on rim from 10:00 to 1:00 on obverse.

$220

SUPERIOR'S "CLUB CAL NEVA SALE" SEPT 20-22, 1987

918 1785. Connecticut. Mailed Bust Right. Miller-3.1-L. Rarity-4. Very Fine 30. Splendid medium brown color atop a smooth, round planchet. As is typical for this variety, the centers are not struck up and there is some planchet striations at the upper obverse and behind the effigy's head. A very scarce variety in this grade and possibly of Condition Census quality. ($100 175)

$286

$286 -

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

5 1785 Bust Facing Right M #3.1-L (R-4) FINE-15 with some details. Very Fine. Pleasing surfaces with minor planchet drifts.

95 -

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC." OCT 23, 1970

116 1785 Miller 3.1-L. Very Fine. Rarity 4. Still another outstanding 1785. A planchet defect at TO and another on the cheek. The reverse surprisingly clean and very sharply struck. Nice medium brown with smooth surfaces. PLATE $35 -

116

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976 139.4 GR.

518 1785 Bust Right. 3.1-L (R-4). Fine to Very Fine. Minor edge clip does not affect legends or design. Light golden brown color.

30 -

R. MARTIN - J. JEOFFREY 4/12/86

3.1-L

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988 LOT # 1018 LOT BROUGHT $242 –

grains. Fine, reverse die cancelled with small chisel cuts before the coin was struck; Miller 3.1-L. 135.5

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988 1 OF 3 PIECES

1021 1785 Miller 3.1-L. (R-4). 137.7 grains. Very Fine with weak centers, but a long planchet defect area obscuring much of the face. Light brown, a touch of verdigris at the left obverse. From the Miller Collection, his identification number on the obverse; 1 OF 3 PIECES

GOOD COLOR W/ MAJOR DEFECT LOT BROUGHT $330–

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972 #15, AUG, 1972

1785 Bust right: 3.1-L (Common). Good $8.00; VF-EF $99.00; EF, some planchet striations but very sharp. Virtually identical to the piece in our No. 12 offering and priced the same: $119.00; Extremely Fine 165.00

1785 Bust right. 3.1-L. ~~Good $8.00~~; Fine R.C.R. #7. SEPT, 1970. 23.00

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

918 **1785. M.3.1-L. MBR.** Another. Rarity 4. Very Good. 135.1 gns. Dark brown. Heavy flaws both sides, reverse scratched in right field. Perfect die states; ~~**M.3.2-L. MBR.** Rarity 4. Very Good/Good. 119.9 gns. Orange tan high points, dark fields. Granular, reverse scratched from an old cleaning. Both dies clashed, obverse failing behind head, reverse at date; **M.3.3-F.3. MBR.** Rarity 4. Fine. 141.9 gns. Very rough, flawed, areas of corrosion both sides. "3.3-F.3" painted in yellowed white at center of obverse; small "5" in left obverse field. Miller number written on small paper circle, glued to center of reverse. Die states uncertain~~. 3 pieces.

65, 150, 165

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections; ~~the third possibly ex Dr. Hall~~.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

3.1-L	1785	F-	R4	Dark; bent planchet.
3.1-L	1785	VG	R4	Scratches.
3.1-L	1785	G+	R4	Weak strike central are.
3.1-L	1785	F-/F-	R4	Edges tend toward square
3.1-L	1785	F-/F-	R4	Squareish and slightly

CONN. STATE LIBRARY
3.1-L 9432 (8) VERY GOOD 8
6366 (12) FINE 12

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

6) 1785 M.3.1-L Very Fine (30-35). Medium brown with some light planchet striae on obverse. "Confect" (?) in white ink at 11 o'clock. -C

1785 M. 3.1-L: First device puncheons by Abel Buell;

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.3.1-L
EXTREMELY FINE/ABT UNC

HOCH PLATE
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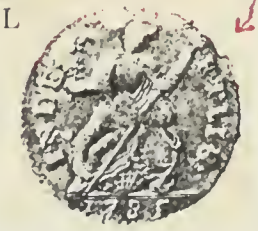

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L. MEEKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

122 **Connecticut.** 1785 Miller 3. 1-L, Rarity 4. VF–EF. The left side of the coin, obverse and reverse exceptionally sharp. The observe well centered, the reverse slightly off center so that the bottom of the date is off the planchet. All details very sharp including the branch and ornament. Free of any damages or major flaws. A lovely chestnut brown and a smooth planchet. Far superior to the Miller plate coin, which shows no date at all. **ILLUST.**

170

STACK'S SALE MAY 23, 1974

22 **1785 Connecticut.** Miller 3.1-L. Rarity 4. **Struck over an off-center BROCKAGE** of obverse 3.1. A decent, well struck coin for this year. Fine, with a small reverse edge defect. $42.50

3.1-L

NEW NETHERLANDS 60TH SALE, DEC 3-4, 1968

320 Similar. M. 3¹-L, (both Rarity 4). First with O in AUCTORI initially
30 cut too low, then corrected; second with small wart for chin. VG, bolder than usual, two small flan splits at upper l., lower r. (obv.), rim bruise at bottom of obverse: 1 OF 2 PIECES OTHER 3.3-F.3

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

1785 M-3, 1-L Fine, granular Obverse . . 60.00
M-3, 1-L (R-4) Fine, minor planchet lamination Obverse 125.00

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

20 1785. Cents. Bust r. Rev. Dotted cross and rude quadrefoil in legend. Miller 3¹-L ~~and 3³-F³~~. Fine for coin ~~and VG or better~~, both on the usual defective planchets. First superior to the Miller Plate example and as such, very rare. Both well above average. ~~Second is R-4.~~ 2 Pcs.
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SEE KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1151 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. 135. grains. Rarity-4. G-4/F-15. Pale golden brown. Typical striation on both sides, most notably the reverse. Usual softness on th obverse effigy's neck. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2300.
137

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

873 CONNECTICUT CENTS. 1785. Bust r. Miller 3¹-L. R-4. Fine or better; planchet chip at edge. $3.50

ROSA AMERICANA LTD LIST #1 FEB, 1989

1785 M.3.1-L

Third Finest Known ?

EX. OECHSNER

50 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 4+. 138.2 grains. Very Fine, or possibly better, with highly glossy surfaces and the lovely light brown color of at least Extemely Fine, but slightly weak at the centers. There is one long, heavy obverse lamination, as usual for the variety. An attribution number has been hand-painted on the obverse in Miller's script; this was the finest specimen he could locate. Third Finest Known in the Condition Census, much nicer than the Taylor coin, which was the only other comparable specimen recently offered. An exceptional opportunity for the collector seeking choice quality.....$295**

This coin was Lot 1804 in Tom Elder's 1920 sale of the Henry C. Miller collection. In that catalogue it was graded as "Fine" and sold for $1.20, which was a fairly high price for a Connecticut copper copper.

The Condition Census for the variety appears to be as follows:

1) EAC '75: 6, Choice Very Fine. Sold for $140.
2) Lester Merkin: 10/31/73: 122, Very Fine or better. Sold for $170.
3) The coin offered here, ex Miller, Very Fine or better.
4) Appleton-Massachusetts Historical Society. Very Fine.
5) Taylor: 2300, Very Fine. Sold for $220.
6) Another in a private Eastern collection, Very Fine. No pedigree known.

EX. MILLER SALE

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EX. STACK'S 'OECHSNER SALE"
LOT # 10211 OF 3 PIECES

MILLER PLATE

3¹-L

KAGIN'S '1983 ANA SALE' AUG 16, 1983

68 Group of three pieces: ~~(1) 1785 bust right~~; (2) 1785 bust right, Miller 3, 1-L (R-4); (3) ~~1788 draped bust left, average~~ VF. (Total: 3 pieces)
154

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1804 1785. Types very similar to preceding. C. 3-1-L. Fine.
1.20

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1218 1785 ~~Miller 1-E (R-4). Bust facing right. Good. Numerous facial scratches and one reverse dig~~, M.3.1-L (R-4). Good; ~~M.3.4-F.2 (2). Good-Very Good, one with facial pinscratches; M.3.5-B. Good. Medium glossy brown, some planchet faults; M.4.1-F.4. "African head." About Good, date not visible. A few planchet imperfections.~~ 6 pieces.
137.50

STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7-8, 1979

525 1785 ~~A lot of three varieties, all Mailed Bust Right~~, M.3.1-L (R-4). Very Fine, planchet defect at the rim, and CTOR incused on the reverse; ~~M.4.1-F.4 (R-1), the "African Head." Good, date missing; M.5-F.5 (R-5). Fine, some obverse scratches~~. 3 pieces.
160 160

BOWERS "E. M. SAUNDERS COLL" NOV 9-11, 1987

3011 ~~Selection of Connecticut state coppers.~~ 1785 Miller 3.1-L. Rarity-4 F-12, scratched and flawed; ~~1787 M-19g-4. Rarity-3 F-15, pronounced roller marks. Later state of the dies than Taylor-2443. M-30-hh-1. Rarity-2. VF-25, dark, with some old reverse scratches. Nevertheless, a nice-looking copper; M-33-32-Z-13. Rarity-2. F-15, early die states; another F-12, also early obverse and reverse states~~ (Total: 5 pieces) 176.00
176

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 17, 1990

#5641 ☆ M 3.1-L. Rarity-4. VG-8 to F-12, usual striations, a bit heavier than commonly seen. 125.6 grains. Edge flawed obverse 7:00-9:00. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2300. (Total: 3 pieces)
302

1 OF 3 PIECES

CRAIG A. WHITFORD SALE NOV 23, 1991

848. 1785 Connecticut. M 3.1-L. Dark brown, VG, usual striated flan defects.
40

3.1-L

NOTE ↓ "CANCEL" IN WHITE INK

BOB RETZ COLL.

3.1 L

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL. SALE MARCH 18, 1993

*2085 **1785 M.3.1-L. MBR. Strong Fine,** reverse sharpness of Very Fine in places. Rarity 4. 138.9 grains. Steel brown in color. Surfaces uniformly, microscopically granular. Very minor obverse rim flaws, none on the reverse, quite unusual for the variety. Softly struck on the obverse, the reverse must have absorbed most of the force of the coining strike. Obverse die appears to have broken behind head already, although the reverse is still perfect.

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Purchased from Robert Vlack in 1984.

2085

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST FALL, 1992

*256 **1785 Miller 3.1-L** (R-4). Mailed Bust Right. 138.3 gns. Fine. Olive green surfaces, lighter golden brown high points. Surfaces uniformly granular. Date somewhat soft. Decent eye appeal. Die states as Taylor:2310. *$195.00*

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991, lot 1334. AT 137.50

256

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

917 **1785 M.3.1-L. MBR.** Rarity 4. Fine. 146.4 gns. Deep brown. Both surfaces granular, light linear flaws each side. Obverse failing under NEC, possibly broken behind head; reverse still perfect. DARK, GRANULAR

45 - 85 - 95 50

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6505 1785 Connecticut copper. M 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-4. 163.3 grains. Die alignment: 170°. The overall sharpness of this piece is probably more than the assigned grade, but moderately heavy planchet striations, as generally seen for this issue, disturb the sharpness of the design details. Medium brown surfaces, with a very faint planchet bend noted at 11.00 relative to the obverse. An interesting specimen of this scarce variety.

35 20

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF COLL JULY 22, 1992

2593 **1785 M 3.1-L.** MBR. R-4. 130.4 gns. Fine/Choice Fine for sharpness. Dark gray-brown. Harshly mechanically cleaned, scratches on both sides. Deep cut in right reverse field. States uncertain due to surface damage. Included in the Picker Reference Collection because the diagnostics for the variety are clear. GOOD OVERALL

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KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8/4/92

6506 1785 Connecticut copper. M 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. VG-4/F-15 Rarity-4. 135.3 grains. Die alignment. 170°. A second specimen of this moderately scarce issue, this time with the often seen planchet striations on the reverse. A pleasing tan specimen with no real problems other than those present at time of striking.

From our sale of the Boyd, Brand, & Ryder collections, March 1990, Lot 1151.

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MIKE RINGO LIST, MARCH, 1989

. 1785 M.3.1-L. Very Good, medium brown, full date and legends..... 35.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #41 JAN 5, 1986

7. 1785 Miller 3.1-L. Very Fine-20, R-4. Nice color. Some light scratches and most of the date missing. $125

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

1. 1785 Miller 3.1-L. Nice Fine-12, R-4. Nice color and surfaces. Ex. Bower's and Ruddy Julius Toroff Sale, Oct. 1976. Mailed Bust Right. $110

3.1-L

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

1967 **1785 M.3.1-L.** Mailed Bust Right. **Strong Fine,** reverse sharpness of Very Fine in places. Rarity 4. 138.9 grains. Steel brown in color. Surfaces uniformly, microscopically granular. Very minor obverse rim flaws, none on the reverse, quite unusual for the variety. Softly struck on the obverse, the reverse must have absorbed most of the force of the coining strike. Obverse die appears to have broken behind head already, although the reverse is still perfect.

99.00

110 BOWER'S 'M.H.S.' SALE NOV 18, 1994

3178 **1785 M 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. F-15 for the variety.** Rarity-4. 132.3 grains. Nice detail for the grade. Natural flan fissures on both sides, typical for this die combination. Some tiny natural edge flaws are noted.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

EX. OECHSNER

100 500 550

XF GOOD COLOR HEAVY OBV FLAW

Lot No. 24

24 **1785 M.3.1-L. MBR.** R-4+ (revised). Choice Extremely Fine, technically an About Uncirculated coin. 137.7 gns. Medium olive-brown, with a touch of red along the left obverse rim (partially stabilized verdigris). Surfaces in places smooth, hard, and glossy; roughness apparent due almost entirely to the die states (both clashed and roughened). Heavy transverse obverse flaws with slag inclusions diagonally up from shoulder to second O. Miller attribution number painted in yellowed lacquer on the obverse (note "3.1" painted over "3.2", an understandable mistake since the two obverses are nearly identical). SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #1 LOT #50 FEB, 1989 AT $295.00

Ex Herbert Oechsner Sale (Stack's, September 8, 1988, the first coin in lot 1021). 1 OF 3 PIECES.

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUP'S' APRIL 14, 1993

1974 **1785 Miller 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right.** Basal to Fair. High Rarity 4. 129.0 gns. Orange-brown. Granular; **1785 M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** Sharpness of strong Fine. Rarity 3. 139.2 gns. Dark brown. Deep dent center obverse. Late reverse state; **another.** Fine. 131.9 gns. Golden brown. Very granular. Reverse scratched. Slightly later reverse state; **a third.** Fine/Very Good. 139.4 gns. Fairly even brown. Lightly granular. Much later reverse state, entire center sinking now. 4 pieces.

121.00

The first ex H. Melnick Sale (November 4, 1983, part of lot 26); the third ex G.N.A. Sale (Mid-American Rare Coin Auctions, May 24, 1986, lot 1109).

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE" NOV 18, 1994

3177 **Connecticut copper quintette:** ☆ **1785 M 3.1-L.** Mailed Bust Right. VF-30. Rarity-4. 134.6 grains. Olive-brown surfaces. Porous, yet sharp for the grade ☆ 1785 M 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 139.4 grains. Light tan surfaces. "X" scratch on reverse at 3:00 ☆ 1785 M 6.4-I. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20 for sharpness, tiny bend and some small, natural flan flaws. Rarity-3. 128.0 grains ☆ 1786 M 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, bent, with natural obverse flaw at 12:00. Rarity-3. 105.0 grains ☆ 1787 M 33.7-r.2. Draped Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-1. 134.3 grains. Edge clip at 11:00. (Total: 5 pieces)

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STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on their obverses: **M.1-E.** R-4. About Fine. 133.6 gns. Somewhat rough olive; **M.3.1-A.3.** R-4. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places but heavily flawed and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.3.1-L.** R-4. About Good/Very Good. 131.5 gns. Dark olive. Rim flaws; **M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Very Good. 139.5 gns. Rough brown, reverse scratched. Obverse attributed as "3/F" only; **M.4.3-A.2.** R-1. Very Good/About Good, olive brown. 123.5 gns. Very late reverse state; **M.4.3-D.** R-4. About Good, dented and rough. 144.8 gns; **M.6.1-A.1.** Low R-5. Very Good/About Good, lighter olive brown. Somewhat rough and flawed, very late reverse state; **M.6.2-F.1.** R-3, probably really higher. Fine, bent, obverse rough. 128.1 gns. Late obverse state, not often seen so. 8 pieces.

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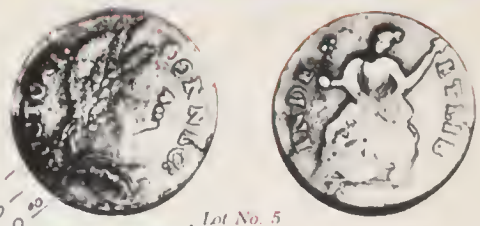
STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER" JUNE 8, 1994

FINE MILLER 3.1-L

The Miller Sale and Text Plate Coin



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Lot No. 5

BOOK WOW!

5 **1785 M.3.1-L. MBR.** R-4. Good Fine despite some edge dents. 158.5 gns. Olive brown, a nice mix of dark and mahogany shades. Some surface granularity in places, rough patch on reverse. **The Miller sale and text plate coin** (respectively: Plate 27, obverse shown; Plate I, obverse and reverse illustrated). Not a bad grade for the variety, of the 18 specimens we have recorded fully 11 grade F or lower. Both dies clashed but still unbroken.

From Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1804. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

A CHOICE MILLER 3.1-L
One of the Finest Known!?

98 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-L. High Rarity-4. 138.3 grains. Choice Very Fine.? Well struck for a 1785 issue, with full legends, a complete date and bold design detail such as full globe lines and significant drapery and branch detail on the reverse. Slightly weak at the left side of the obverse so that while AUCTORI is fully visible, the middle three letters are a bit fuzzy. Attractive chocolate brown color, the obverse with some very fine matte-like surfaces, an insignificant striation at the ribbon ends and a tiny rim flaw at K-1, none of which detract. The reverse is hard, somewhat glossy and defect-free. Much nicer than 1785 Connecticuts are normally found, the planchet almost completely free of the tiny flaws and defects that plague the issues of this year. One of the nicest to be offered in some time, visually nicer than the Taylor coin [that one had a slightly sharper obverse, a lesser reverse and several planchet striations] which was called "Possible Condition Census" [and probably was], as well as examples in Norweb, Hessberg, Perkins and even the Miller plate coin which was in Stack's June, 1994 sale, graded Fine with edge dents but which still brought $1210! Only two distinctly nicer specimens have ever appeared for sale, the Oecshner coin [later in Stack's June, 1995 sale] which graded EF/AU and the EAC '75 coin which was VF/EF and called "Perhaps the Finest Known." The ANS coin is a striated VF, while the best in the CNL collection is a low-end Fine. This piece is obviously one of the finest known of the variety, firmly nestled in the middle of the Condition Census. It has exceptional eye appeal, a great pedigree and will never have to be upgraded by eventhe fussiest of collectors.....$459

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, purchased from Richard August, date unrecorded.

ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

65 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-L. High Rarity-4 [traditional, possibly a full R-5]. 128.2 grains. Fine, quite well struck for the variety, with nearly full legends [only EC of CONNEC is weak on the obverse] and a full, bold date. Medium brown surfaces, the devices and legends a lighter tan color, which gives a lovely two-tone look to the coin. The obverse has some fine granularity [we've seen it called "gossamer porosity," which actually is a fitting description] at the lower half, though it is not distracting. Free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect and overall an attractive example of this tougher variety. We offered a Condition Census example, grading Choice VF, on our last list, where we noted that the Miller plate coin, which appeared in Stack's June, 1994 sale, grading Fine and with edge dents still managed to bring $1210! While that coin was a bit nicer and certainly had one of the finest pedigrees imaginable, this one should be a much better buy at EIGHTY PERCENT LESS MONEY!.....$169

Although this variety has traditionally been rated High R-4, it appears with far less frequency than the Miller 3.2-L, which is rated a solid R-4, and we suspect that with further research it will prove to be a full level higher in rarity than that latter variety.

ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

66 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.1-L, another. 143.8 grains. Very Good/Fine, struck from a very late state of the dies, the obverse noticeably failing around the peripheries. Most of the obverse legends are visible, though some letters are quite weak from the failure; the reverse is sharper, with full legends and date and bold design detail for the grade. Hard medium brown surfaces with a slight irridescent hue, suggesting that the coin was cleaned and retoned. There are a number of very small striations on either side, more so on the obverse, which were in the planchet before the coin was struck, and which are not all that detracting. A most affordable example of this rare variety.....$99

3.2-L

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

7 **1785. M. 3.2–L.** R–3. Rev. with advanced die failures. $300 **More or less VF for the coin, excellent surfaces,** small defects only at upper left rev. rim otherwise exceptionally clean. **By far the finest impression we have seen from this obv. die;** the Hoch Plate example is poor by comparison, hardly rating VG in sharpness. **(Photo)** $300 **($125.–up)**

EAC'75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

DIGS

TAYLOR

2302 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.2-L. Mailed Bust Right.** 138.5 grains. R-4. $93.50 **VF-30.** An attractive example, with a smooth, glossy obverse surface. Some planchet digs. Reverse microscopically porous. Overall sharpness equivalent to the Garrett specimen. **Full date,** very unusual as the reverse of many bear only the tops of the 1785 date numerals. $93.50

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

2303 **1785 Connecticut coppers.** M 3.2-L. 140.5 grains. R-4. F-15, holed; 1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

1785 Connecticut Miller 3.2-L

BOWER'S "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

GARRETT

1337 **1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.2-L.** 126.35 grains. Rarity-3 (on the Miller-Maris scale; add two points for an approximate comparison on the Sheldon scale, as noted in the preceding introduction). Mailed bust facing right. **Extremely Fine** or better. A lovely even glossy medium brown color. Somewhat softly struck in areas, as usual. The number 12 is lettered in red ink (removable if desired) in the obverse field, probably an early museum accession number.
OPEN $120 — SOLD $450 —

BOWER'S TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

519 1785 Bust Right. 3.2-L (R-3). Very Fine, with some claims to $50 — Extremely Fine. A coin which has seen very little actual wear. Especially sharply struck for this issue. Some scattered planchet defects. Black surfaces with light brown highlights. Another very pleasing coin.

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

148 1785 Connecticut copper. M 3.2-L. Mailed Bust Right. F-15. Rarity-4. 127.2 $25 grains. Die alignment: 190°. Noticeably low 1 in AUCTORI on obverse. BK Lightly granular surfaces with minor fissures on both obverse and reverse surfaces. **Full date,** very unusual for the variety as it is often seen with only tops of the 1785 date numerals on the planchet.

STACK'S "FOREMAN SALE" MAY 4, 1989

1203 1785 Miller 3.2-L (R-3). Very Fine, but numerous planchet flaws through the bust. Scratches on the $198 — head on the reverse. Full date, full legends, more detail on the upper half of Liberty than on the Taylor coins. Deep brown toning.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

6 1785 Bust Facing Right M #3.2–L (R–3) VERY GOOD–10, attractive, $35 -

3.2-L

H.I.M. INC. SALE NOV 4, 1983

53 1785. M.3.2-L (R-3). EF. (Photo) $220 - VF20 BIT DARK

Nice medium brown with slightly lighter devices, clear and sharp date and legends, reverse die failure, minor planchet defects on obverse

ROSA AMERICANA LTD LIST #3

26. **1785. Miller 3.2-L, Breen 736. Rarity-4. Mailed Bust Right. 136.6 grains, 29.0mm. Very Fine or so, the planchet, as is typical for a 1785 issue, has several large laminations, mostly on the obverse. The legends and date are full [though the last digit of the date is weak due to the die state of the reverse die], and the color is an appealing medium brown. A nice type coin.....$119**

AUTUMN, 1990

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

750-
2300-

Lot No. 1022

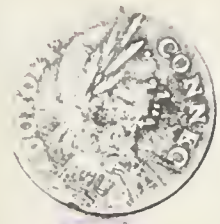
HALL
OECHSNER
D. PARTRICK

XF/AU
REV. MUSHY
OK+

1022 **1785 Miller 3.2-L.** Mailed bust right. (R-4). 137.7 grains. About Uncirculated, struck on a slightly porous planchet (obverse only). Light olive brown, a touch of fading red at the right obverse. Strong date, only the bottom tip of the 1 missing; all three vines visible. The reverse field is smooth and glossy, with evidence of die clashing. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$2,530-

From the Virgil Brand Collection; earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection, with his edge markings.



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COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1329 1785 M.3.2-L (R-3). Very Fine, the obverse close to Extremely Fine with excellent detail but verdigris; the reverse is corroded. 12.10

12.10

UGH!

SEE BOWER'S LEXINGTON SALE' JAN, 1984 LOT # 77 (PLATE)

BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

VF/F

#165-

611 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.2-L. Mailed Bust right. Extremely Fine obverse, Very Fine reverse. Tiny planchet flaw at top of obverse. An exceptional piece with a wealth of detail.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

*2086 **1785 M.3.2-L. MBR. Technically Very Fine.** Rarity 4. 141.9 grains. Mostly olive brown. Surfaces granular, small lamination below bust, heavier than usual reverse striations. Nearly full mail and globe lines, however. This piece was last sold as Extremely Fine. Full date numerals. Obverse die failing behind head; reverse break at upper left not as advanced as on Taylor:2302.

150-
150-
165-

Purchased from C.W. Brown's Mail Bid Sale of January 7, 1983.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

919 **1785 M.3.2-L. MBR.** Rarity 4. Very rough Fine. 127.2 gns. Light reddish-orange. Both surfaces very rough and granular. Obverse flawed above head and at 3:00 on rim. From the clashed states of the dies, reverse failing at upper left and on 85 in date.

60-
65-
71.50

BOWER'S 'RUSSELL PATTERSON' MARCH 25-26, 1985

110-

2630 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.2-L. Grading Very Fine to Extremely Fine, this piece exhibits the planchet fissures that plague these interesting and complex Connecticut issues. This is the interesting die variety in which the two strands of hair emerging from beneath the wreath on the effigy's head have united at their ends to form what appears to be a separate berry on the figure's forehead.

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

192.50

7209 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.2-L. VF-30.** 136.6 grains. Light orange-tan surfaces. Both sides heavily laminated, the flan almost cracked in places.

RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 3.2-L (R-3). F-VF RCR #14 ..... 59.00

1785 Bust right. 3.2-L. (R-3). Very Good RCR #7 ... 9/70 .. 23.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 17, 1990

5643 Pair of 1785 coppers: ☆ M.3.2-L. Rarity-4. F-15. Obverse flawed, reverse scratched. 124.0 grains. State equivalent to Taylor:2302 ☆ ~~M.3.3-F5. Rarity-4. VF-20. porous edge. Flawed obverse at 8:00. 145.1 grains. Perfect die states.~~ (Total: 2 pieces) 1 OF 2 PIECES

165.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, AUG, 1983

72 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.2-L. Good or better, somewhat dark surfaces 20.00

3.2-L

HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-29, 1920

1805 1785. Very similar types and designs C. 3-2-L. VG. 2 pcs.

2074 1785. ~~C. 1-D-2-A; 2-A (1); 35-B (4);~~ 32-L G. and VG. Some scarce. 9 pcs. '21

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

3.2-L	1785	VF-	R3	Planchet defects. Conte
3.2-L	1785	F/F	R3	Planchet defects, minor
3.2-L	1785	F+/F+	R3	Defective planchet

Connecticut 3.2-L 1785 "Dog" R3

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

3.2-L 9433 (30/12) VF/F

11543 (holed)

KINGSWOOD "CAMBRIDGE SALE" OCT 16, 1990

6613 Pair of state issues: ☆ 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.2-L. F-12. obverse planchet flaw. 137.4 grains ☆ ~~1788 Massachusetts cent. Ryder 10-L. F-12. 152.6 grains~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

7) 1785 M.3.2-L Good/Very Good. Medium olive brown, devices highlighted. Planchet crack at "AUCT". Date partially obscured. -C

HOCH PLATE

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BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1986

LOT# 2461 M 3.2-L. VG-8 to F-12. Rarity-4. 135.6 grains. 28.2mm. 195°. Reverse flawed. Reverse die not buckled, an earlier state than Taylor: 2302; 1 OF 6 PIECES NORWEB

MIKE RINGO LIST, MARCH, 1989

4. 1785 M.3.2-L. Fine or better details, but struck on a defective planchet with fissures and striations. Tan, no post-strike damage..... 50.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1986

1785 Bust Right, Miller 3.2-L. Very Fine, dark brown surfaces with some planchet striations. Well centered and a good strike, with full date and legends. The bust and hair show strong detail..... 135.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.2-L. Choice Very Fine, perfectly centered with light olive-brown surfaces and full date and legends. One small planchet defect on reverse rim does not affect any design detail... 175.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984

1. 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.2-L. Fine, light brown; one small rim bump on obverse and a couple of light planchet defects..... 40.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST # 42 MARCH 1, 1986

2. 1785 Miller 3.2-L. Very Fine-20, R-3. Nice. Some minor planchet defects, but a very nice coin. Mailed Bust Right. $185

Connecticut Copper DICK AUGUST LIST, JULY, 1985

20. 1785 Bust Right, 3.2L, well struck VF with no planchet flaws, 1785 Connecs are scarce this nice $225

3.2-L

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF COLL JULY 22, 1992

(2594) 330.00 1785 M 3.2-L. MBR. R-4. 145.5 gns. **Very Fine**, an attractive example on a deep orange-brown flan. Minor obverse surface roughness, reverse as struck from the later state of the die. Full date, all numerals on flan, struck up, and legible. Nicer than the ANS coin, Taylor:2303, Norweb:2461, the Schenkel sale specimen, and examples seen in three private collections. Both Oechsner:1022 and Garrett:1337 were outstanding specimens. States equivalent to Taylor:2302, which was somewhat sharper than this example. OK COLOR ADF-VF20

TO DAVE MENCHELL

(2594)

BOWER'S LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

286.00 VF/F

77 1785 Connecticut copper. M 3.2-L. Mailed Bust Right. EF-40. Rarity-4. 155.4 grains, heavier than many other specimens of this issue. An attractive medium brown coin despite faint porosity on both sides. An obverse flan occlusion is noted at 12:00, and some very faint reverse marks are also seen. Full date on flan, very unusual for this die marriage; many known specimens of this variety show just the tops of the date numerals. A sharp and attractive coin that will see much bidding attention from Connecticut copper specialists.

SEE BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA SALE SEPT 17, 1984 LOT #611 (PLATE)

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

25 100 325 357.50 1785 M.3.2-L. MBR. R-4+ (revised). Very Fine. 123.9 gns. Fairly even olive-brown, a touch lighter on the high points. The obverse surface appears smooth and fairly hard; the reverse looks rougher, but this is due to the advanced state of that die, which has clashed heavily and is roughened. There are several very tiny rim nicks and one small dent (above AU). FAIR VF NO FLAWS T. TERRANOVA

Both 3.1-L and 3.2-L are currently rated as R-4. Since we have seen 20 of the former, 21 of the latter, it's quite conceivable that both should really be R-4+ to R-5-, with total populations of around 75-125 at most.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 8, 1995

495.00

Lot No. 2977

2977 1785 Miller 3.2-L. Very Fine to Extremely Fine. 123.9 grains. Rounded-headed mailed bust left, reverse shows quatrefoil after INDE. Free Hat on Liberty's pole, full date in exergue. Smoother than the Taylor coin, boldly struck and a pleasing two-tone coin displaying tan fields, tan-gold device.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

6507 110.00 Trio of 1785 Connecticut coppers, each with the Mailed Bust Right obverse design ☆ M 3.2-L. VG-8 Rarity-4. 108.0 grains. Smooth medium tan surfaces with bold full date and bold design details on the reverse, unusual for this die combination. Virtually problem-free for the grade, save for a tiny planchet flaw at the center of the obverse ☆ ~~M-4-3-A.2. VG-8. Rarity-3. 120.9 grains. Uniform faint porosity on both surfaces. Typical states of the dies, with wedge-shaped die break from rim to the point of the effigy's shoulder on obverse, and small, spidery breaks between LIB on the reverse ☆ M-4-4-C. VG-8. Rarity-3. 133.1 grains. Die alignment. 170°. An attractive chocolate brown specimen. Pronounced planchet cutter lip on reverse from 11:00 to 2:00. From advanced state of reverse die, with die chip forming cud at the bottom of B and lowest colon dot, connecting from there to shield area. An interesting group of Connecticut coppers.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

918 65 150.00 165 **1785. ~~M.3.1-L. MBR.~~ Another. ~~Rarity 4. Very Good. 135.1 gns. Dark brown. Heavy flaws both sides, reverse scratched in right field. Perfect die states~~; M.3.2-L. MBR.** Rarity 4. Very Good/Good. 119.9 gns. Orange tan high points, dark fields. Granular, reverse scratched from an old cleaning. Both dies clashed, obverse failing behind head, reverse at date; ~~M.3.3-F.3. MBR. Rarity 4. Fine. 141.9 gns. Very rough, flawed, areas of corrosion both sides. "3.3-F.3" painted in yellowed white at center of obverse; small "5" in left obverse field. Miller number written on small paper circle, glued to center of reverse. Die states uncertain.~~ 3 pieces.

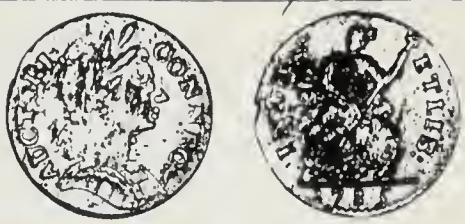
From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections; ~~the third possibly ex-Dr. Hall.~~

We do not know who wos responsible for pasting white poper circles with attribution numbers onto the bocks of Connecticut coppers. We hove seen these in severol collections, but none con be confidently assigned to o porticulor collector os far os we know.

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2076 110 **1785 Maris 3.2-L.** Fine, dark brown and granular. Rarity 4; **1787 ~~M.33.16-Z.15.~~** ~~Fine, verdigris in fields. Rarity 3; 1787 M.33.28-Z.16. The "Other Snipe-Nose" variety. Fine, rough, verdigris in fields. Rarity 4.~~ 3 pieces.

BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995



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2233 **1785 Miller 3.2-L. Mailed Bust Right. EF-40** for sharpness, cleaned long ago, surfaces slightly granular. Rarity-4. 143.4 grains. Full date; this variety is frequently seen with only the tops of the 1785 date numerals on the flan. Edge flaw at 9:00, partial planchet cutter lip on reverse.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

102 25 110 121 1785 M.3.2-L. MBR. R-4 (underrated). Good Fine, somewhat granular olive tan. 157.4 gns, a heavyweight. A decent example.

BOWER'S "FRED & HARD COLL'S" NOV 13-14, 1995

3017 200 350 385 1785 Miller ~~3.5-B.~~ 3.2-L Mailed Bust right. VF overall. Rarity-4. 131.0 grains. Counterstamped T. HUNT on the obverse in a serrated cartouche. Sharpness equivalent to Taylor:2309 where not affected by the counterstamp. Interesting. TO R. MARTIN

1785 3.2-L MISSATTRIBUTED AS 3.5=B

3.2-L

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1785 M.3.2-L #9433 HALL-SHUMWAY,1919.
(VF30/F12) VERY FINE, DARK.

STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER" JUNE 8, 1994

7, 100, 160, 176 **1785 M.3.2-L. MBR.** R-4. Very Fine, heavily flawed both sides, deeply into the reverse. 124.5 gns. Olive and golden brown. Obverse rim bevelled, as made. **The Miller sale coin.** Obverse lightly, reverse heavily clashed around; ~~**M.3.3-F.3. MBR.** R-4. Very Good/Good. 155.1 gns. Pale brown, minor flaws and granularity. Attribution number painted on obverse. Exact states uncertain due to surface condition.~~ 2 pieces.

The first from Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1805. Ryder's ticket graded "Good" accompanies this lot; ~~the second with round card ticket with circle H graded "Fair" also accompanying.~~ R. MARTIN

1785 CONN
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-Good.

Elder-Miller
May 29 1920
No. 1805
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STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

2, 50, 130, 148, 198 **1785 M.1-E. MBR.** ~~R-4 (revised). Strong Fine. 150.8 gns. Medium golden brown, lightly granular, obverse clip at 11:00;~~ **M.3.2-L. MBR.** Strong Fine, technical Very Fine, heavy flaws, huge obverse lamination. R-4. 125.8 gns. Olive. 2 pieces. JEFF ROCK W/ RAGGED PAPER TICKET

~~M.1-E. Obverse clashed, small cud under ON; reverse perfect.~~ M.3.2-L: Obverse perfect; reverse clearly clashed around at top.

STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER" JUNE 8, 1994

6 100, 140, 154 **1785 M.3.2-L. MBR.** R-4. Very Fine, obverse rim nicks, old pin scratch behind head. 131.2 gns. Fairly even olive brown, surfaces mostly free from granularity. T. TERRANOVA

Obverse die perfect; reverse clashed around, heavily so to left of Liberty's head.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK FPL# 9 SUMMER, 1994

83. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 3.2-L. Rarity-4. 125.8 grains. Very Fine, quite high in that grade level in terms of strike and sharpness, with full legends, date and vivid design details that are among the best that we've seen. Dark brown and somewhat glossy surfaces, but struck on a planchet that's typical for the 1785 issues, with two large obverse laminations, one of which was retained and struck with the design detail, which is eye-catching. The reverse has a few small laminations near the rims, none of importance. Although one uses phrases like "large lamination," which are technically correct, they just can't do justice to a coin like this. The strike, color and gloss of the piece are all exceptional, as is the freedom from post-striking damage and green spots and the like. The laminations are certainly noticeable, but they actually add more of a crude charm to the coin than to detract from the overall appeal as a scratch or nick would have done. This might make the end of the Condition Census for the variety; the finest known appears to be the Hall-Oeschner coin, an AU that brought $2530, and the census apparently falls to a pair of EF's from the Garrett and '75 EAC sales, the remainder being VF's, including the Taylor and Picker coins. The ANS coins is just a G/VG. If you need this scarcer variety, this is a coin that should definitely have your consideration, as the eye appeal is great and there just aren't too many out there that are nicer than this.....$129

Accompanied by a tom Henry Chapman envelope with the attribution and rarity rating written in pencil [of note, this variety was then thought to be R-6] by Hillyer Ryder. EX. STACK'S BOYD-RYDER JUNE 8, 1994 LOT # 2

3.2-L

ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

67 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.2-L. Rarity-4. 123.8 grains. Very Fine / Fine, the reverse just a bit weaker than the obverse. The obverse has full legends and sharp design detail, including full mailing on the effigy's bust [though his hair detail is somewhat weak, as expected for the variety]. The reverse has full legends and a strong central device, though the date is mostly indistinct. Medium brown surfacs, slightly dull in appearance and with a hairline striation on the obverse, else quite free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect, and free of the many planchet flaws that usually plague the 1785 Connecticut coppers. While we've seen coins that possess a little more flash, this is certainly a well-detailed and clean example, and is available for a lot less money than other VF-level coins currently being offered.....$119

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

140. 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.2-L. Rarity-4. 135.1 grains. Very Fine or so, probably fully of that grade level as far as strike and wear are concerned. This one has legends that are strong save for the final two letters of CONNEC which are slightly obscured by a planchet striation in that area. The date is full and sharp, an unusual bonus for a 1785 issue. The central details are sharply struck, with design visible on the obverse effigy's mailing and globe and some drapery detail on the seated Liberty on the reverse. Attractive light to medium brown surfaces that have a small number of light striations on either side, the most serious from the obverse effigy's nose to the rim at K-5, as mentioned above. Such striations tend to be the rule for the 1785 coins, since the minters were not yet experienced in the smelting and rolling out of copper stock. This is actually a very pleasing example of the variety, with very nice eye appeal and great color; it has almost exactly the same detail as the Taylor coin and the Garrett piece, and is probably as nice as could be found without a lot of searching and a lot more money.....$129

3.3-F.3

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

8* **1785. M. 3.3–F.3.** R-4. Obv. from the same hub but reworked—only a small wart serves as chin. **Some details fully Very Fine, others Fine,** struck, on a somewhat granular blank with its quota of manufacturing defects, mostly small and shallow, the most prominent at upper left obv. edge. One of the best around; finer than lot 320, New Netherlands 60th Sale, sharper than the Hoch Plate coin. **(Photo)** **($125–up)**
*Bids accepted by mail only. EAC '75

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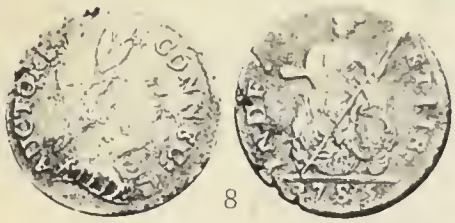

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N. PULLEN JAN, 1978 – R. MARTIN

EXTREMELY FINE
HIGH CONDITION CENSUS

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2304 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.3-F.3. Mailed Bust Right.** 141.8 grains. R-4 F-12. Nearly horizontal planchet fissure running clear across center of obverse (the planchet rollers were probably responsible for this fissure originally). Both surfaces have heavy encrustation in some areas. Otherwise, dark brown with fairly smooth surfaces. Wide date, space between 8 and 5 in the date is nearly twice as wide as the space between 7 and 8. TAYLOR

49.50

DARK

BOWERS 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

520 1785 Bust Right. 3.3-F.3 (R-4). Unusually smooth planchet. Nice F-VF.

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987
LOT #
2303 3.3-F.3. 146.5 grains. R-4. VG-8, deep planchet fissure on obverse.
1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

STACK'S "ROPER COLL"
DEC 7, 1983

ROPER
OK/NICE XF

75
360

Lot No. 226

#175

JESS PATRICK

226 **1785 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 3.3-F.3. 139.0 grains. Struck from a reworked die, with the chin separated from the rest of the face. An excellent specimen with a particularly well detailed reverse. Some trivial patches of granularity in the original planchet. Very few signs of actual wear. **Very Fine or better.** $396.–

150–
300–

Lot No. 1023

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL"
SEPT 9, 1988
OECHSNER
TOO DEFECTIVE
VERY FINE
D. PARTRICK

1023 **1785 Miller 3.3-F.3.** Mailed bust right. (R-4). 123.8 grains. **Choice** Very Fine in terms of wear, but a large planchet flaw on the reverse from the left rim to the central skirt. A couple of lighter defects on the obverse. Light brown toning, glossy surfaces.
From the Miller Collection, with his painted identification on the obverse field.

$330–

EX. LOT #320 N.N. 60TH SALE
DEC 3-4, 1968

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

3.3-F.3	1785	VG+/VG+	R4	Slight red coating both sides
3.3-F.3	1785	F-	R4	Planchet defects & lamination
3.3-F.3	1785	VG+	R4	striations.
3.3-F.3	1785	VG/F		Contemporaneous counterfeit

CONN. STATE LIBRARY
3.3-F.3 9444 (10/4) VG/G

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE, DEC 3-4, 1968
$30– M. 3.3-F.3 second piece Fine plus, but with a sliver out of the heavy, defective planchet on either side (small from obv., larger flaw from rev.). ~~Former superior to Miller Plate coin~~; latter ex Dr. Hall coll. 2 Pcs. OTHER 3.1 X
LOT # 320

3.3-F.3

61 **1785 Bust r.**, small face, short ribbons. Miller 3.3-F.3. Almost or quite Fine, weakly struck on a lightly granular planchet; some of the weaknesses are associated with more advanced die failures on both sides than on 1975 EAC:8, at ribbons and neck, and on rev. above shield. "Short ribbons" (16 vars.) end within circle of legend; "long ribbons" (7 vars.) separate shoulder from A. PINE TREE "BREEN'85" SEPT 6, 1985

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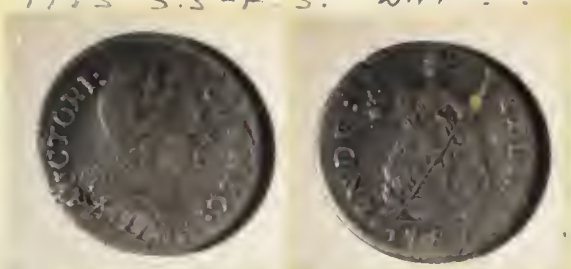
1785 3.3-F.3. WHT ??



D. SONDERMAN 1980
VERY FINE EDGE "V" DEFECT
SOME WEAKNESS 2-3. O'CLOCK

CONNECTICUT COINAGE

STACK'S A.N.A. SALE AUG 24, 1976

Lot No. 46

46 1785 Miller 3.3-F.3. Rarity 4. **Mailed bust facing right.** Perfectly centered and a very sharp strike. An exceptionally nice specimen, most probably in the Condition Census and perhaps one of the best known. Only two minor planchet defects on the rim. Excellent smooth surfaces. All details of the hair, wreath, mail, etc. fully struck up. The reverse is just as sharp, with full date, lettering, punctuation, and very strong reverse figure including the three grapevines on the shield. Signs of only the lightest even wear. A rich glossy chocolate brown. ABOUT UNCIRCULATED. $290—

$290—

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, FALL 1992

257 **1785 M.3.3-F.3** (R-4). MBR. 142.2 gns. Very Good/Fine. Light orange tan. Both surfaces granular, obverse lightly scratched. Date numerals indistinct but still legible. Obverse and reverse dies sunk around the left peripheries, reverse clashed above Liberty's head. $85.00

ALSO STACK'S SALE 5/5/93 LOT #4 27.50

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991, lot 1335.

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STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1335 **1785 Miller 3.3-F.3** (R-4). 142 grains. Mailed bust right, profile and CONNEC: sharp, most of reverse is well delineated. Light brown with ancient scratches. Fine.

55.00

VG/FINE HESSBERG

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1785 Bust right. 3.3-F.3. (R-4). Good $11.00; VG $17.00; Fine . 25.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 3.3-F.3 (R-4). Very Fine RCR #14 . . . . . 65.00

1785 Bust right. 3.3-F.3 (R-4). Very Good RCR #12. 9/71 . 17.00

HOCH PLATE

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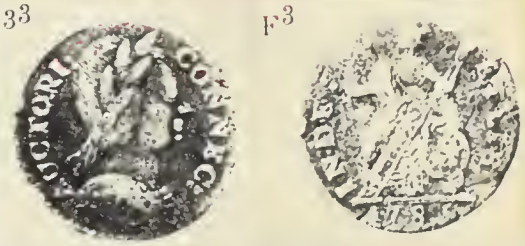

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

8) 1785 M.3.3-F.3 Fine or better details. Dark brown with devices highlighted. Old X scratch on obverse neck. Some rim defects. -C

NASCA'S. GIBBONS SALE DEC 7-10, 1981

2234 **1785. M.3.3.-F.3. (R-4.) Fine.**

20- *Deep blackish-brown patination, planchet defect on cheek and two below nose, trace of light cleaning on reverse.*

NASCA'S. GIBBONS SALE DEC 7-10, 1981

2235 1785. M.3.3.-F.3 (R-4.) Fine.

35- *Weak strike at center, face sharp as is date, planchet defects, edge cut where mount was removed at 12.00.*

NEW NETHERLAND'S MAIL BID SALE AUG 10, 1956

91 **Connecticuts.** 1785 Bust r. Miller 3³-F³. V. Good to Fine, weak strike. One of the scorcer varieties (R-4 on 6-point scale). Ex Dr. French Coll. 6.50

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

20 1785. Cents. Bust r. Rev. Dotted cross and rude quadrefoil in legend. Miller ~~3¹-L and~~ 3³-F³. ~~Fine for coin and~~ VG or better, both on the usual defective planchets. ~~First superior to the Miller Plate example and as such, very rare.~~ Both well above average. Second is R-4. 2 Pcs.

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BOWER'S MURRAY, SWOPE ETC, SEPT 9-11, 1985

1804 Connecticut coppers, a group of four: 1785 Bust Right, Miller-3.3-F.3. Very Good, some planchet irregularity;

1 OF 4 PIECES

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5645 **Quartette of 1785 coppers:** ☆ M 3.3-F.3. Rarity-4. F-15, striated, reverse gouges. 136.4 grains. Obverse die failing in left and right fields; reverse die perfect

330

1 OF 4 PIECES

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M3, 3-F.3, Fine, several minor planchet defects 60.00

STACK'S SALE OCT 18-21, 1988

FINE, SOME VERDIGRIS REV.

15 432 Connecticut. 1785 Mailed bust right. Miller-3.3-F.3. Mounded in the obverse center resulting in weakness on the reverse. Light brown with a few planchet flakes. Very Fine.

3.3-F.3

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988
LOT# 2461 M 3.3-F.3. F-12. Rarity-4. 147.7 grains. 28.5mm. 160°. Obverse flawed; reverse old scratches. Some areas (notably on the reverse) sharper than the technical grade; 1 OF 5 PIECES
NORWEB

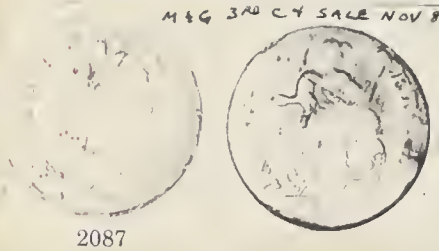
HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920
26 1806 1785. Very similar. C. (3)-3-F(3).

STACK'S N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973
7 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.3-F.3. (Rarity 4); ~~Miller 3.4-F.2. (R. F.4. (African Head)~~. Fair to Fine. 3 pieces.
37.50

STACK'S SALE MARCH 17, 1992

Lot No. 18
253.00 M. RINGO 3.3-F.3 FEW DEEP DEFECTS VF, XF DETAILS OK COLOR
18 1785 Connecticut. Miller ~~5-F.5~~ (R-5). 139.4 grains. Fine or better. Boldly struck reverse, the obverse not as sharp, and slightly granular.

SEE STEVE HAYDEN FIXED LIST #2 OCT. 1996 #1
STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993
*2087 1785 M.3.3-F.3. MBR. Nearly Very Fine. Rarity 4. 130/ 130/ 143/ 122.8 grains. Olive brown surfaces, slightly lighter high points. Granular in the centers, microscopically so in the fields. Small lamination on second I reverse. CONNEC and ET LIB: soft due to die states. Much better than the average example, which is typically a Fine or thereabouts coin. Finest seen is an Extremely Fine in a New York City collection. Nicer than both Taylor coins and the ANS piece. From the clashed states of the dies, peripheries affected, legends failing.
SEE C. SCHENKEL PHOTO
M&G 3RD CY SALE NOV 8, 1997 LOT# 139



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STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993
2088 1785 M.3.3-F.3. MBR. Fine. Rarity 4. 143.9 grains. 50/ 50/ 55/ Dark brown to black. Surfaces microscopically granular. Obverse striated, reverse deeply flawed by pole hand, several edge splits and flaws. This variety is often found on flawed flans (Taylor:2304, EAC'75 plate coin, for examples). Full legends both sides. Perfect die states.
Purchased from Robert Vlack.

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994
4. 1785 ~~M.3.1-A.8. MBR. R-4. Fine but extremely granular, quite soft on reverse. 140.6 gns. Dark olive brown~~; M.3.3-F.3. MBR. R-4. Very Good, heavily flawed, brown and gold. 146.6 gns. Attribution painted on reverse in tiny characters. Die states of both uncertain due to surface condition. 2 pieces. 75/ 75/ 82.50
The second with an atypical round paper ticket.

1785 M. 3.3-F.3 Very Fine(25-30). Edge defect at 4 o'clock affecting "E" in "EtLib" on reverse. Otherwise smooth medium brown flan. Probably finest known. Ex. Steve Ivy "Charmont Sale" Aug II-I4,1983 lot#II03. MIS-ATTRIBUTED AS 6.4-F.5. WGT. 147.9 GRAINS R. MARTIN TO D. MITUZAS 3/3/87

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER 1991
13. 1785 Miller 3.3-F.3, Fine or so, nearly full legends and date; straight clip at K-6 obverse. Nice example of the variety.....$29

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990
5643 Pair of 1785 coppers: ☆ ~~M 3.2-L. Rarity-4. F-15. Obverse flawed, reverse scratched. 134.0 grains. State equivalent to Taylor:2302~~ ☆ M 3.3-F.3. Rarity-4. VF-20, porous edge. Flawed obverse at 8:00. 143.4 grains. Perfect die states. (Total: 2 pieces) 1 OF 2 PIECES
165.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990
5644 1785 M 3.3-F.3. Rarity-4. F-12 to 15. Striated and flawed planchet, dark, two-toned. 137.2 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2304.
110.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984
2. 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.3-F.3. Very Good, dark surfaces..... 20.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985
1. 1785 M.3.3-F.3. Very Good. dark brown. Some details are VF, but the flan is defective with many cracks and fissures..... 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1986
1. 1785 M.3.3-F.3. Fine, large obverse planchet defect..... 25.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986
3. 1785 Miller 3.3-F.3. Fine-12, R-4. Nice. Date a little weak. Nice color and surfaces. Mailed Bust Right. $90

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975
539 1785. Mailed Bust Right "Company for Coining Coppers." ~~M.3.1-A.3 (R-3) Very Good, dark, porous and weakly struck especially on rev.~~ M.3.3-F.3 (R-4). Very Good, brown patina with light surface granularity usual flat strike. ~~M.3.4-L.2 (R-5) Very Good or better, some details nearly Fine (Compare to lots 1, 8 and 10 respectively, our 1-A-C sale)~~ 3 pcs. 45
($180.-210.)

3.3-F.3

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

7 1785 Bust Facing Right M #3.3–F.3 (R–4) G–4, heavy surface marks, slightly corroded; ~~Bust Facing Right M #3.4–F.2 (R–3) G–4, dark with light scratches; Bust Facing Right M #3.5–B (R–2) G–4, dark with heavy surface marks.~~ (Lot of 3 pieces).

$21

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

920 **1785 M.3.3-F.3. MBR.** Rarity 4. Technically Very Fine. 136.4 gns. Fairly even golden brown. Heavily striated and flawed on both sides. Two reverse rim gouges at 10:00. Exact states uncertain but dies seem perfect.

50, 55, 60

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

918 **1785. ~~M.3.1-L. MBR.~~** ~~Another. Rarity 4. Very Good. 135.1 gns. Dark brown. Heavy flaws both sides, reverse scratched in right field. Perfect die states; **M.3.2-L. MBR.** Rarity 4. Very Good/Good. 119.9 gns. Orange tan high points, dark fields. Granular, reverse scratched from an old cleaning. Both dies clashed, obverse failing behind head, reverse at date~~; **M.3.3-F.3. MBR.** Rarity 4. Fine. 141.9 gns. Very rough, flawed, areas of corrosion both sides. "3.3-F.3" painted in yellowed white at center of obverse; small "5" in left obverse field. Miller number written on small paper circle, glued to center of reverse. Die states uncertain. 3 pieces.

65, 150, 165

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections; the third possibly ex Dr. Hall.

We do not know who was responsible for pasting white paper circles with attribution numbers onto the backs of Connecticut coppers. We have seen these in several collections, but none can be confidently assigned to a particular collector as far as we know.

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

1968 **1785 M.3.3-F.3.** MBR. Fine. Rarity 4. 143.9 grains. Dark brown to black. Surfaces microscopically granular. Obverse striated, reverse deeply flawed by pole hand, several edge splits and flaws. This variety is often found on flawed flans (Taylor:2304, EAC'75 plate coin, for examples). Full legends on both sides. Perfect die states.

55.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

1969 **1785 M.3.3-F.3** Another. MBR. Very Good. 136.4 grains. Very bold impression with devices, large-letter legends quite sharp. Light glossy tan with deeper brown in fields.

44.00

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

101 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR. ~~**M.2-A.4. R-6.** Strong Fine but many nicks, lamination on head. 137.0 gns. Dark olive and brown~~; **M.3.3-F.3.** R-4. Very Fine/Strong Fine. 145.4 gns. Roughened by flaws, pitted, obverse verdigris; ~~**M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Nearly Fine. 133.8 gns. Light golden brown, a bit rough, flaw above head; **M.3.5-B.** R-4. Fine. 133.9 gns. Brown. Obverse scratched and flawed, reverse rim lamination; **M.6.4-I.** R-3. About Fine. 128.2 gns. Golden brown. Major types clear, light obverse, little heavier reverse flaws.~~ 5 pieces.

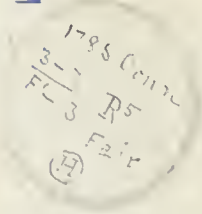
75, 240, 264

STACK'S SALE JUNE 8, 1994 "BOYD-RYDER"

7 **~~1785 M.3.2-L. MBR.~~** ~~R-4. Very Fine, heavily flawed both sides, deeply into the reverse. 124.5 gns. Olive and golden brown. Obverse rim bevelled, as made. The **Miller sale coin.** Obverse lightly, reverse heavily clashed around~~; **M.3.3-F.3. MBR.** R-4. Very Good/Good. 155.1 gns. Pale brown, minor flaws and granularity. Attribution number painted on obverse. Exact states uncertain due to surface condition. 2 pieces.

95, 160, 176

~~The first from Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1805. Ryder's ticket graded "Good" accompanies this lot; the second with round card ticket with circle H graded "Fair" also accompanying.~~ R. MARTIN



ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

68 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.3-F.3. Rarity-4. 118.6 grains. Very Fine, the reverse just a bit weaker than that grade level. The obverse is boldly struck, with full legends and sharp design detail, including full mailing and most facial features on the obverse effigy. The reverse also has full legends, a complete date and decent design detail, including nearly all three grapevines on Liberty's shield. Medium chocolate brown surfaces, generally hard. The obverse is free of all but the most trivial of striations, quite unusual for a 1785 issue. The reverse has a large lamination along the rim from K-11 to K-12, though it affects none of the legends and just cuts off the branch from Liberty's outstretched hand. Much nicer than usually found, and even with the one reverse flaw the planchet is much cleaner than typical for an '85 Connecticut. Nicer than the Taylor coin, which was a heavily fissured Fine and not even plated in the sale. The great color and overall eye appeal makes this an ideal example of the variety or type.....$119

From the Rob Retz collection of Connecticut coppers.

3.3-F.3

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

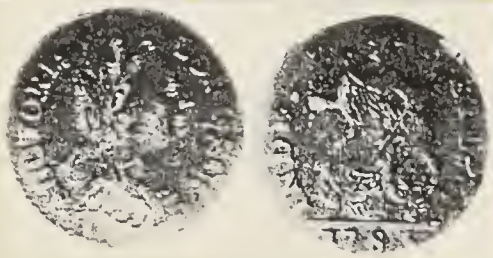
26 1785 M.3.3-F.3. MBR. R-4. Technically Extremely Fine, based upon the evidence of the reverse. 157.9 gns., second heaviest we have recorded of this variety. Golden olive-brown. Sharpness in places equivalent to technical grade, but obverse quite granular and rough at upper right, reverse a little less so at lower right. Rim flaw above AU. Perfect die states. SOME POROSITY

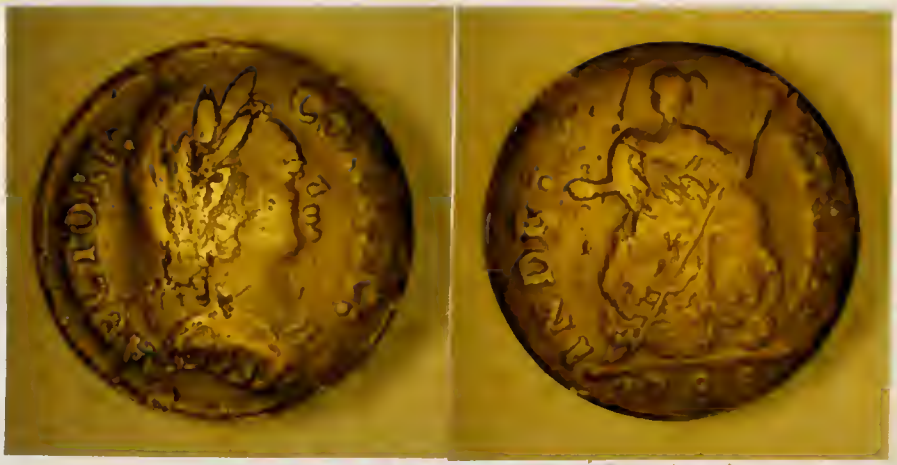
100 / 300 / 330 TERRANOVA

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.3.3-F.3
VERY FINE 25

STEVE HAYDEN PRICE LIST #2 OCT, 1996

1 Conn 1785 B.R. M. 3.3-F.3 R4 Fine+ 122.8 grains, ex. Perkins lot 2087 in Stacks 3/93 sale. Dark brown with some lighter highlights. Scattered light planchet flaws. Full wide date and complete lettering although a few letters are weak. Very scarce in high grades, finer than Taylor, Norweb and Hessberg. The EAC sale specimen was more detailed but also had more serious flaws. Worthy of inclusion in the most advanced collections. 225.00





McCAWLEY & McCAWLEY 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

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139. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.3-F.3 MBR (R-4) VF20 122.8 gns. This is the Perkin's duplicate coin, lot 2087 from Stack's 3/93 sale. Olive brown, slightly brighter at some raised points. Each side has a scattering of small flaws, most being through the obverse hair and neck. Overall the surfaces appear rather smooth, being only faintly granular and highly reflective. CONNEC and ET LIB are a bit soft due to the die states. This is a very tough variety to find pleasing at or above this grade level. None equal to or nicer have been offered in any of the subsequent significant offerings of Connecticuts with the probable exception of lot 26 from Stack's 6/95 sale which was unplated and graded Technically Extremely Fine but it was there noted that the obverse upper right was quite granular and rough. Pine Tree EAC 75 was only slightly stronger. Taylor and Hessberg were weaker, and Oechsner had a Choice Very Fine with a large reverse flaw. The finest known is reported to be a nice Extremely Fine in a New York collection.

Stack's 3/93 lot 2087 ticket not included with this coin.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

142. 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.3-F.3. Rarity-4. 137.7 grains. Fine or so, the reverse a bit weaker than the grade assigned. An interesting specimen, with nearly full legends, a sharp date and decent design detail on both sides. The planchet is a pleasing light brown, but is of the typical poor alloy that plagues the 1785 issues: there is a lamination at the rim at K-9 on the obverse, and some light striations on either side. The design detail appears stronger than the grade assigned in some areas, and we suspect that the piece did not really circulate as much as the grade here suggests. The variety itself is quite difficult to find in decent condition – we note that the Taylor coin was a heavily fissured and encrusted Fine, and not even plated in that sale. If the man who put together one of the nicest collections ever, formed over several decades, was unable to obtain a better specimen, this one might well be considered much nicer than average!.....$99

3.3-F.3

Connecticut 1785 M.3.3-F.3
Richard August duplicate
Offered at $2500 June, 2015

3.4-F.1

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

9 **1785. M. 3.4–F.1.** R–3. Similar head to last few but chin of normal size; obv. die reworked so that F is in line with R rather than being too low as on the others. Line to right from 8. **Better than VF, boldly struck, some few deails suggesting a higher grade;** iridescent light to medium olive, far sharper than Appleton–MHS (1970) lot 117, "VF", granular and with light lamination defects as made. Sharper than the Hoch Plate coin, about tied with lot 123, Merkin 10/73 sale, at a then low $130. From the Bowers Aug. 1972 list as "VF–EF" an understandable grade. **(Photo)** **($125.–up)** $75

$15

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK++ VF(20-25)

SMOOTH MEDIUM TO DARK BROWN

357.50

TAYLOR

2305 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right.** 142.4 grains. R-3. **VF-20.** A nice example of this readily available variety, with smooth, golden brown surfaces. Die line extending to the right from the top of the 8 in the date easily identifies the reverse.

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2306 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right.** 151.6 grains. R-3. **VF-20.** A second example of this variety, and one from about the same state of the obverse and reverse dies. Some planchet fissures, particularly noticeable on the reverse. $99 —

$99 —

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

117 **1785 Miller 3.4-F. 1.** Very Fine. Rarity 3. Another exceptionally clean coin for a 1785. The planchet slightly squared off under the bust, affecting no letters or other details. Struck on a lightly granular planchet but free of any defects. Dark brown. Better than most we have seen **PLATE** $35 —

MHS

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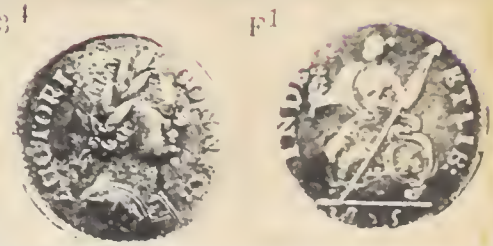
HOCH PLATE

3.4 F.1



BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

521 1785 Bust Right. 3.4-F.1 (R-3). Fine, with the obverse having some claims to Very Fine. Smooth, perfect planchet.

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

9) 1785 M.3.4-F.1 Fine/Very Fine. Very Fine detail. Dark brown with some porosity on reverse centers. -C

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

123 — 1785 Miller 3. 4–F. 1 Rarity 3. Full date. Nice EF. All details sharp. A glossy light brown. Struck from worn dies. Very rare in this condition.

130 —

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

874 1785. Bust r. M. 3¾-F¹. V.F. plus. Really clean. $8.50

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-3. 4-F. 1 Fine, nice for grade 125.00

M-3. 4-F. 1 (R-3) Very Fine, small depression in center of Obverse, olive toning . . 250.00

3.4 — F.1

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

240 —
1500 —

Lot No. 1024

OECHSNER
HALL
D. PARTRICK
BIT TOO DARK (XF-)
NOT XF

1024 **1785 Miller 3.4-F.1.** Mailed bust right. (R-3). 145.4 grains. **Extremely Fine,** deep brown fields with lighter olive devices. An unusually strong strike with exceptional detail.
$1,650 —
From the Virgil Brand Collection; earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

$1,125 — COIN GALLERIES SALE' NOV 9, 1982 NICE
1295 1785 Mailed Bust Right. M.3.4-F.1. Very Fine. Tiny planchet mark in ear.
125.00

#43 APRIL, 1982
#45 AUG, 1982

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW" #44 JUNE, 1982
1785 Mailed bust right Miller 3 1-L (R-3) VG, smooth chocolate brown, inexpensive and quite scarce $45 00. Miller 3.4-F.1 Fine, olive to light brown, clean and attractive Nearly equal to the 1975 EAC piece. Lot 9 265 00

1785 Connecticut. Mailed bust right. Miller 3.4-F.1 (R-3). Fine, light brown, no defects. 345.00
BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #42 JAN, 1982

NO #37, APR, 1981

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW NO #36 SPRING, 1981
1785 Connecticut copper Mailed bust right. Miller 3 4-F.1 (R-3). Very Fine, with steel patina and some underlying glossiness, suggesting a higher grade Seldom seen much finer than this 225.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972
1785 Bust right. 3.4-F.1 (R-3). [redacted], Extremely Fine, one of the finest known of this variety RCR #14. . . . . 165.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971
1785 Bust right. 3.4-F.1 (R-3). Good $11.00; Very Good $17.00; VF-EF, not easy to find in such nice condition #12 9/71 99.00

RCR #7 SEPT, 1970
1785 Bust right. 3.4-F.1. (R-3). [redacted] Fine . 25.00

#44 — MID-AMERICAN "1987 AUG SALE" AUG 21-22, 1987
10. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Very Good (10/10). Miller 3.4-F.1, Rarity 3. Free of any planchet defects.
1 OF 2 PIECES

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

3.4-F.1	1785	VF-/F+	R3	Square edges like British
3.4-F.1	1785	F-/F-	R3	Square edges like British
3.4-F.1	1785	VG-	R3	Dark; planchet crack 40
3.4-F.1	1785	VG+	R3	Much circulation wear.

CONN. STATE LIBRARY
3.4-F.1 9437 (5) GOOD 5

1785 Connecticut. Mailed bust right. Miller 3.4-F.1. Fine, olive to light brown, clean and attractive RCR #46 12/82. 149.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976
181 1785 M #3.4-Fol (R-3); ~~1787 M #5.4-O.1 (R-2); 1787 M #32.2-X.2 (R-2); 1788 M #11-G (R-3)~~. Average grade is VERY GOOD-6, with the usual imperfections. ~~A nice year set of Connecticut Coppers~~. (Lot of 4 pieces).
$60 —

3.4-F.1

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1807 1785. Similar types, smaller date C. -F. (1). Fine. Rare. Plate.

2076 1785. C. 3 (4)-F (1); ~~4 (3)-A (2)~~, VG. 2 pcs.

2077 1785. C. 3 (4)-F (1). Fine, Scarce, black.

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

77 1785 Miller 3.4-F.1. Full date and legends, a tiny planchet chip on lower neck. Golden olive toning laced with walnut. Glossy surfaces. Very Fine. CHOICE VERY FINE HIGH CONDITION CENSUS R. MARTIN

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DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

25 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M-3.4-F-1. Very Fine. Tiny planchet mark in ear. Sharp and desirable 180.00

A-MARK LIST #1 DEC, 1972

1785 M3.4 F1, R3, ~~Very Fine/Extremely Fine~~ (PHOTO) $89.00

F/VF 146.9 GR.

R. MARTIN H. RESIGNO APRIL 1986

D. LINETT SALE JUNE 21, 1983

39 1785, 3.4-F.1, R-3, Fine+, Bust Right, nice deep brown. Two planchet flaws on reverse..... 85.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

27. 1785. Miller 3.4-F.1, Breen 736. Rarity-3. Mailed Bust Right. 134.7 grains, 28.5mm. Fine or better. Weak at the absolute centers, as usual for the issue. ET LIB is very weak, though everything else can easily be made out, including a full date. Well centered, and on a very clean chocolate brown planchet.....$69

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

1015 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust right. VF-20. Rarity-3. 145.9 grains. Faint, uniform porosity on both surfaces, with some faint obverse pitting noted for accuracy. Reverse variety with die line extending from right top of 8 in date.

137.50

ROSA AMERICAN LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER 1991

14. 1785 Miller 3.4-F.1, Very Fine, full legends and date. Usual poor planchet with scattered [natural] defects on either side, though mostly on the obverse. One of the most affordable VF 1785's you'll ever find!.....$39

MIKE RINGO LIST, APRIL, 1988

1. 1785 Bust Right, Miller 3.4-F.1. Very Fine, even brown color with some light striae and two small reverse depressions, as struck..... 150.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

2. 1785 Bust Right, M.3.4-F.1. About Good to Good, clean planchet..... 15.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #41 JAN 5, 1986

8. 1785 Miller 3.4-F.1. Very Fine-20, R-3. Nice color. Small hole created by planchet defect at center. Ex. Coin Galleries 11/82. $95

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

4. 1785 Miller 3.4-F.1. Fine-12, R-3. Nice. Strong date. Mailed Bust Right. $99

3.4-F.1

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MARCH 25, 1988
LOT # 2461

M 3.4-F.1. F-12. Rarity-3. 134.6 grains. 28.5mm. 165°. The unusual coloring of this piece is a direct result of its long storage in a manila envelope. (Total: 5 pieces) 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

BOWERS 'KINGSWOOD GALLERIES "EXETER SALE' 10/8/91

6406 Trio of popular 18th-century issues: ☆ ~~1723 Rosa Americana two-pence. F-12, with a pair of fine pin scratches on the obverse, still quite attractive~~ ☆ 1785 Connecticut copper. Bust right. Miller 3.4-F1 VF-20, somewhat porous ☆ ~~1795 Washington LIBERTY AND SECURITY half-penny, this last piece has a light obverse scratch~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

6508 Pair of Connecticut copper types: ☆ ~~1785 Connecticut copper~~ M 3.4-F.1 Mailed Bust right VG-8 to F-12, perhaps VG-10 overall. Rarity-3 144.2 grains Faintly porous chocolate brown surfaces with golden tan highlights on the high design details. A diagnostic die line extends to the right from the top of the 8 in the date ☆ ~~1787 M 32.3-X.4. Draped Bust Left. VF-35. Rarity-2. 134.1 grains. Deep brown surfaces support golden design details. Very slightly off center on the reverse, with fourth cinquefoil very near edge. Tiny obverse flaw at center, probably as struck. Finer than Taylor:2484. The visual equivalent of Pine Tree/EAC.277, which was thought to be among the finest known for this variety. A very nice pair of Connecticut coppers.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

923 **1785. M.3.4-F.1. MBR.** A third. Rarity 3. Very Good/Good. 140.7 gns. Dark brown. Obverse granular, reverse rough. Planchet cutter burrs on edge, visible at 11:00 on obverse. Square gummed collector's ticket anciently removed from center of obverse, hairlined there. "3.4-F.1" painted in yellowed white on left obverse field. Exact die states uncertain; ~~M.1.1-C. MBR. Rarity-3. Very Good. 116.3 gns. Dark brown. Obverse heavily striated at upper left; reverse more lightly so. Both surfaces micro granular. Die states uncertain.~~ 2 pieces.

45/ 75/ 82.50

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections; the first possibly ex Hall.

Hillyer Ryder was one of the major buyers at the May 29, 1920 Miller sale. In addition, he appears to have bought Connecticuts directly from Miller. Ryder was also a meticulous recorder of pedigrees. He preserved the pedigree notes of coins he bought in the Miller sale. Therefore, specimens attributable to Miller's collection that are not accompanied by a Miller sale lot number in their pedigrees did not come from that sale. They may have been purchased privately from Miller before his death in February, 1920, however.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

921 **1785 M.3.4-F.1. MBR.** Rarity 3. Strong Fine. 148.1 gns. Dark olive-brown. Thin striation through top of obverse, two deep flaws center of reverse. Partial date but nearly all other design details clear. Perfect die states.

65/ 80/ 88.50

BOWER'S 'R.U. MILLER SALE' NOV 20-21, 1992

2357 Connecticut copper quintette: ☆ 1785 Miller 3.4-F.1. VF-25. Rarity-3 Lightly cleaned long ago, porous surfaces ☆ ~~1787 M 32.16-Z.15. F-12. Rarity-3. A slightly oval planchet, reverse fissures noted for accuracy~~ ☆ ~~1787 M 33.19-Z.2. F-12/VG-8. Rarity-3. Dark patina surfaces~~ ☆ ~~1787 M 37.1 k.1. F-12. Rarity-3. Cleaned long ago. Several obverse pits~~ ☆ ~~1787 Unattributable due to very rough surfaces G-4~~ (Total 5 pieces)

203.50

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL' NOV 14, 1990
5645

☆ M 3.4-F.1. Rarity-3. F-12, flawed and obverse laminated. 142.1 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2305

330.00

1 OF 4 PIECES

D. LINETT (SAN DIEGO SHOW) OCT 14-15, 1988

1247 **1785 & ~~1786~~ CONNECTICUT LOT of FIVE.** Includes: 1785, M 3.4-F.1 (VG) & ~~M 6.3-G.1 (VG) and 1786, M 4.1-G (VG) – M 5.3-N (Hercules Head) (Porous G+ with a split planchet) & M 5.8-O.2 (VG recolored)~~. Sold "as is" as a lot, no return. (5 coins).....(100-200)

BOWERS "EDMONTON SALE" MARCH 19, 1993

386 Colonial quartette: ~~☆ 1723 Rosa Americana twopence. Breen-92, stop after X, not after 9. F-12. 107.7 grains. Deep olive brown. A few faint obverse marks and some minor porosity on the reverse.~~ ☆ ~~1722 Rosa Americana penny. B-115, Rosette after date only. VF-20. 110.6 grains. Deep olive brown, glossy but faintly granular. Patches of dark patina in the protected areas~~ ☆ 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20, for sharpness. Rarity-3. 146.1 grains. Uniformly porous surfaces with areas of deeper pitting ☆ ~~1787 New Jersey copper. Mach-4 Ld. F-12. Rarity-3. 147.1 grains. Railway Mint. Uniformly porous. Cleaned long ago, since recolored~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

359.50

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

922 **1785 M.3.4-F.1. MBR.** Another. Rarity 3. Very Good. 133.1 gns. Orange tan obverse, green and tan reverse. Surfaces micro granular, particularly the reverse. Areas of inactive corrosion around most parts of the reverse type. Initials scratched in right reverse field. "3.4-F.1" painted in left yellowed white on left obverse field. Exact die states uncertain but appear perfect.

50/ 75/ 82.50

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections, possibly ex Dr. Hall. TO D. MITUZAS

NOTE

Exactly what happened to all of Dr. Hall's collections of Connecticuts is as much of a mystery as how many coins he actually owned while he was alive and at the time of his death. Hall seems to have maintained a two-tiered collection: his main line holdings representing the cream of those he had seen; and a number of duplicates he owned and disposed of during his lifetime. His inventory ledger shows that his main collection numbered just under 300 coins. While he was still alive Hall actively traded specimens to other collectors, Henry Miller and Hillyer Ryder being prominent among them. Connecticut specialists know that Virgil M. Brand announced he had bought Hall's collection intact on September 7, 1909, a few months after Hall's death. There were said to be 356 Connecticut coppers at that time. Just before May, 1913, Albert Fairchild Holden received a large collection of Connecticut coppers from a single vendor. Holden died before he opened the shipment. In 1935 his daughter, Emery May Norweb, began sorting the Connecticuts and found several to be ex Hall, with Hall's own notes accompanying same. One Holden-Norweb specimen, 1787 M.37.1-cc.1, was certainly Hall's own coin, replacing a piece Hall had lost. In 1918 Frank H. Shumway bought Hall's manuscript classification of Connecticuts along with 126 coins from Robert Bird, then treasurer for the town of Canton, Massachusetts. The coins and Hall's manuscript were obtained by the Connecticut State Library on January 21, 1919. The 1788 Miller 17-Q which will be found in this sale was Hall's own "Reserved Specimen." By August, 1898 Hall recorded that he had personally seen 2,699 different Connecticuts! It is probable, therefore, that the main line Hall Collection was purchased intact by Brand in 1909 but Hall duplicates had already been sold or were held back at the time and later sold to other collectors or dealers. It is less probable that Brand, himself, sold some parts of the Hall Connecticuts. It appears to us, in addition, that Connecticuts should not be pedigreed to Dr. Hall's collection solely on the evidence of painted attribution numbers on the coins unless those numbers and letters correspond exactly to other examples of Hall's fine handwriting style.

1785 3.4-F.1 VERY GOOD 7 SMOOTH 138.9 GRAINS
EX. MCLAUGHLIN & ROBINSON AUCTION 6/29/88 #57 @ 49.50
R. MARTIN – M. RINGO 11-05-88

3.4-F.1

BOWER'S "SUNDERLAND COLL" MARCH 14, 1994

2261 Connecticut copper date set: ☆ 1785 Miller 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 128.0 grains. Deep olive-brown surfaces with lighter tan areas on the design high points. Surfaces lightly granular in some areas ☆ 1786 M.5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-2. 147.2 grains. Lightly porous olive and brown surfaces. Reverse punctuation faint ☆ 1787 M.4-L. Mailed Bust Left. F-15 for sharpness, surfaces uniformly porous with some faint but obvious scratches noted. Rarity-1. 119.6 grains. The popular Horned Bust variety. Reddish brown surfaces ☆ 1788 M.11-G. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8, sharper in some areas. Rarity-3. 116.3 grains. Sharper at the centers than at the rims. Medium brown surfaces exhibit some minor porosity. A planchet cutter lip encircles most of the obverse edge. (Total: 4 pieces)

165

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

26. **1785. Miller 3.4-F.1, Breen 736. Rarity-3. Mailed Bust Right. 143.4 grains. Detail of Very Fine.** The planchet, as often found on the 1785 issues, is of poor quality, with several pockmarks on the obverse and a few on the reverse. However, the legends are full, and most of the date is visible, as are all the finer details expected for the grade. Perhaps the most inexpensive VF 1785 Connecticut you'll ever find!.....$49

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CH SALE" OCT 12, 1991

267 214 1785 CONNECTICUT COIN TRIO: (All MBR) 1785 M.1-F.(R-4) F-15 129.4 gns. Some detail muted by significant porosity both sides. Light to medium brown with cuprous oxide stains on reverse and old center right scratchs. Date clear. Clip 4:00 to 5:30 obverse. WITH 1785 M.3.4-F.1 (R-3) F12 136.8 gns. Light olive brown, both sides with even moderate porosity, only minor reverse flaws but several toned vertical pin scratchs. Clear date. WITH 1785 M.6.4-I (R-3) F12 128.2 gns. Two-tone olive brown. Obverse flawless, smooth at center and porous at edges. Reverse has one large striation through part of INDE, somewhat more porous. Clear date. Total 3 pieces.

STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER" JUNE 8, 1994

8 **1785 MBR coppers. M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Very Good, light striations, reverse rim flawed. 134.7 gns; **M.3.4-F.2.** R-2. Very Good, olive, granular, small reverse flaw. 120.2 gns. Attribution painted on obverse; **M.3.4-F.2.** R-2. Very Good, dark gray, very granular. 126.1 gns. Attribution painted on obverse; **M.3.5-B.** R-4. Fine, flawed, granular, obverse lamination partly peeled off. 145.2 gns; **M.3.5-B.** R-4. Very Good, light brown, flawed and pitted. 130.2 gns. **5 pieces.**

The first with round card ticket with circle H.

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE" NOV 15, 1994

3177 **Connecticut copper quintette:** ☆ 1785 M.3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. VF-30. Rarity-4. 134.6 grains. Olive brown surfaces. Porous, yet sharp for the grade ☆ 1785 M.3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 139.4 grains. Light tan surfaces. "X" scratch on reverse at 3:00 ☆ 1785 M.6.4-I. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20 for sharpness, tiny bend and some small, natural flan flaws. Rarity-3. 128.0 grains ☆ 1786 M.2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, bent, with natural obverse flaw at 12:00. Rarity-3. 105.0 grains ☆ 1787 M.33.7-r.2. Draped Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-1. 134.9 grains. Edge clip at 11:00. (Total: 5 pieces)

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STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on their obverses: **M.1-E.** R-4. About Fine. 133.6 gns. Somewhat rough olive; **M.3.1-A.3.** R-4. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places but heavily flawed and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.3.1-L.** R-4. About Good/Very Good. 131.5 gns. Dark olive. Rim flaws; **M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Very Good. 139.5 gns. Rough brown, reverse scratched. Obverse attributed as "3/F" only; **M.4.3-A.2.** R-1. Very Good/About Good, olive brown. 123.5 gns. Very late reverse state; **M.4.3-D.** R-4. About Good, dented and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.6.1-A.1.** Low R-5. Very Good/About Good, lighter olive brown. Somewhat rough and flawed, very late reverse state; **M.6.2-F.1.** R-3, probably really higher. Fine, bent, obverse rough. 128.1 gns. Late obverse state, not often seen so. 8 pieces.

250 276 302

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

101 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR. **M.2-A.4. R-6.** Strong Fine but many nicks, lamination on head. 137.0 gns. Dark olive and brown; **M.3.3-F.3.** R-4. Very Fine/Strong Fine. 145.4 gns. Roughened by flaws, pitted, obverse verdigris; **M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Nearly Fine. 133.8 gns. Light golden brown, a bit rough, flaw above head; **M.3.5-B.** R-4. Fine. 133.9 gns. Brown. Obverse scratched and flawed, reverse rim lamination; **M.8.4-I.** R-3. About Fine. 128.2 gns. Golden brown. Major types clear, light obverse, little heavier reverse flaws. 5 pieces.

75 240 264

STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER" JUNE 8, 1994

9 **1785 M.3.4-F.1. MBR.** R-3. Good or slightly better, dark olive, lacquered. 138.9 gns. Flawed partly across and through, reverse very granular. Perfect dies; **M.3.4-F.2. MBR.** R-2. Very Good, granular olive gray, obverse rim flawed. 131.0 gns. **The Miller sale coin.** Perfect die states. **2 pieces.** OK

The first from Dr. Hall, ex Charles Steigerwalt 1895, round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot; the second, from Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 2078. Ryder's ticket also accompanies this lot.

225 275 247

ROSA AMEICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#9 SUMMER, 1994

CONDITION CENSUS MILLER 3.4-F.1 ?

84. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 3.4-F.1. Rarity-3. 137.8 grains. Bold Extremely Fine. A simply amazing example of the first-year-of-issue Connecticut. First of all, it is sharply struck, with full legends and date, as well as incredible design detail apparent on the obverse; there is the faintest striking weakness at the center of the reverse, not unexpected for the variety. The planchet itself is free of the natural defects, laminations and striations that are almost always found on the 1785-dated coins. The surfaces are dark brown, and there is a faint trace of roughness on the reverse. This example is far nicer than anything to be offered since the Hall-Oechsner coin, a slightly nicer EF that sold for $1650 back in 1988, and may well prove to be the SECOND FINEST KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THE VARIETY! ? This piece sharper than the '75 EAC coin, which was one of the finest examples of the variety we had ever seen. The Taylor coin was a VF+ that still brought $357.50 in a sale that today's collectors look back on and shake their head's at the low prices. The ANS coin was just a F/VF, as was the example in Stack's September, 1993 sale. Scarce enough in high grades that the variety was completely missing from the Picker reference collection and the Hessberg sales. The present coin is completely "fresh" to the market, not having appeared previously at auction or on a dealer's price list, and represents a chance for the Connecticut specialist to pick up a coin that will not ever have to be upgraded.....$399

3.4-F.1

BOWER'S "ROSSI & WILSON" SALE MAY 30, 1997

34 Connecticut copper group: ☆ 1785 Mailed Bust Right. Miller 3.4-F.1. Rarity-3. VF-20 ☆ ~~1787 Mailed Bust Left. M-9-E. Rarity-6. VF-30~~ ☆ ~~1787 Draped Bust Left. M-32.2-X.1. Fine-15~~ ☆ ~~1788 M-16.1-H. Rarity-3. VF 20~~, perhaps finer. ~~A nice group of above-average quality coins.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

112. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 3.4-F.1. Rarity-3. 135.0 grains. Very Fine. A very pleasing example of the variety, and quite well struck overall. The legends are full, the NN of CONNEC a bit weak but all there, and the date full and completely on the planchet. Very nice central design details as well, with most of the intricate mailing on the obverse bust sharp. Very pleasing medium brown surfaces that are hard and a bit glossy. The obverse has a couple of minute striations at the center, which are really microscopic in nature, while the reverse has a few hairline scratches in the area that have toned down and are not really visible at first glance. The 1785 issues often come on severely laminated planchet stock, and often tend to be dark or rough as well – whenever a truly eye appealing example of ANY variety appears, collector's ears perk up and with good reason. This variety, though not that rare in well worn condition, is quite difficult to find in this grade level. The finest known appears to be the Dr. Hall – Oecshner specimen, a lovely EF, closely followed by the Choice VF piece in the EAC'75 sale and the Taylor coin in the same grade. The few other pieces that have appeared for sale have been in distinctly lower grade – Fine examples in the Norweb and Stack's September, 1993 sale, and a VG piece in Stack's sale of June, 1994. Two of the nicer specimens are off the market for good, a VF-ish piece in The Colonial Newsletter Foundation and a F/VF in the ANS collection. Given the paucity of auction appearances, it is possible that the rarity rating for the variety is a bit on the low side. In any event, a most pleasing example that the Connecticut specialist will be hard pressed to improve upon.....$179

As most collectors know, the area of Connecticut coppers is something of a Byzantine mess. There are over 350 varieties known, each with idiosyncratic striking characteristics. Not only is attribution sometimes difficult, but grading is often a factor of the way certain varieties are struck, what type of planchet stock they come on and the like. Because of all of these factors, as well as the large number of collections that contain a good run of the issues, the Condition Census and rarity information for this series is far, far behind those of all the other state coinages. The information that this cataloguer offers is based on my own research, my experience of over a quarter century as a collector of the series and as a dealer for the past ten years, and input from fellow collectors. 100% of the extant Connecticut coppers have NOT been seen or recorded, so this information MUST be taken with the proverbial grain of salt. Rarities can and do change, new pieces are constantly added to Condition Census rosters and new varieties are still occasionally discovered. Hopefully we'll see a new era where collectors freely share information on the condition of pieces in their own holdings and the published results will allow us a more certain idea of Condition Census and rarity information for each variety.

3.4-F.2

CONNECTICUT COPPERS

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1987

PERHAPS FINEST KNOWN

10 **1785. M. 3.4–F.2,** the so-called "ET LIR" variety (base of B open). R–3. **Extremely Fine in sharpness—full drapery lines,** all three grapevines on shield sharp, all latitude and longitude lines on globe, etc. Iridescent, lustrous light olive with darker mottlings; some granularity, and with the usual planchet defects, the most prominent being a long straight lamination at AUCT and a chip at end of cuirass. **Finest we have seen,** far exceeding the Miller Plate, Hoch Plate, Appleton–MHS 1970, lot 118 ("VF"), Bryant (Stack's, Feb. 1973), New Netherlands 60th, "Promised Land" May 1974, Merkin Oct. 1973 or Vlack Plate examples, or any others so far heard of. Ex. 1956 N.Y. Metropolitan Auction, T. L. Craige. **(Photo)** $260 **($200.–up)**

$260

EAC'75

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NICE XF+

EAC'75 ROPER

Lot No. 227 #175

227 **1785 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 3.4-F.2. 160.7 grains. The ET LIR variety. The bottom of the B punch was broken. Well struck with excellent detail on the obverse bust and the reverse figure, including drapery lines, grapevines, and globe lines. A slightly defective planchet, evident in two spots on the obverse. Some trivial obverse porosity, but really a top drawer specimen. **Extremely Fine.** $396

STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

SEE BLACK & WHITE PHOTO

EX STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997 LOT #110

EX EAC 75' SALE LOT #10 AT $260.00

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

← EDGE DEFECT

FLAT VF20 BUT OBV. SCRATCH

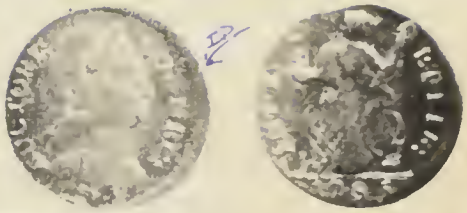
$132

NORWEB

2465 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.4-F.2.** VF-20. Rarity-2. 98.8 grains. 29.3mm wide flan! 170° Deep, rich golden brown. Planchet cutter chip at 1:00 on the obverse. Centers soft. Old obverse scratches. Slightly later reverse state than Taylor: 2307. An exceptionally low weight specimen of this early issue (compare Taylor: 2307 at 140.6 grains). *Purchased between 1913-1915.*

SEE COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA, 1990

MILLER PLATE



HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1808	1785.	C. 3 (4)-F. 2. VFine. Rare.	4.25
2078	1785.	C. 3 (4)-F (2) Dups. G. and VG. 4 pcs.	1.75
2075	1785.	~~C. 2-A~~ 3 (4)-F (2), VG. 2 pcs.	.40
2161	3.(4)-F (2) G. last abt. fine. Rare. 1 pcs.		.25

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC." OCT 23, 1970

118 **1785 Miller 3.4-F. 2.** Very Fine. Rarity 3. The B weakly cut giving it the appearance of an R. Free of any appreciable defects. Well struck and perfectly centered. A lovely light brown and one that would be difficult to improve.

PLATE $42.50

MHS

1785 M 3.4-F.2

ALSO SEE STACK'S SALE 1/14/92 LOT #199 & STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT #21

The Appleton-M.H.S. Specimen

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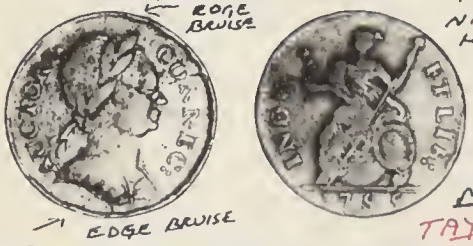
SEE McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CY SALE" OCT 12, 1996 LOT #184

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

← EDGE BRUISE

NICE DARK HONEY DPN VF-20



EDGE BRUISE

MHS

TAYLOR

2307 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right.** ET LIR variety. 140.6 grains. R-2. VF-20. Light golden brown planchet, free from major defects. $357.50

From Stack's Sale of The Massachusetts Historical Society Collection, October 1970, Lot 118 to Richard Picker; thence to Taylor.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

#2303 3.4-F.2. 138.5 grains. R-2. VG-8.

1 OF 5 PIECES

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2308 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right.** 144.6 grains. R-2. VG-8, struck slightly off center on obverse and reverse. Reverse seated figure buffed to an unnatural color. A second example of the popular ET LIR variety. $66

CLEANED

TAYLOR

VLACK PLATE REV. F.2 (1960)

BOWERS "PARK FOREST SALE" OCT 3, 1990

2025 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.4-F.2. (R-3) Wide date. B in LIB open at bottom, resembling an R. VF-20. dark steel charcoal, and perfect for the grade. $110

3.4-F.2

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.3.4-F.2
EXTREMELY FINE

KAGINS SALE # 313 SEPT 28, 30, 1978

1640 1785 M. 3.4-F.2 (R-3) so-called "ET LIT" variety, base of "B" open. **EF-40** in sharpness with full drapery lines, some weakness on globe. Lt. chocolate brown obv., shade darker on rev., usual lt. planchet defect(most obvious being below bust & through "T" on LIR). Somewhat better than Miller plate coin. Appleton-MHS-Stacks 1970, Bryant Stack's 1973, New Netherlands 60th, and Vlack plate coin. Not as fine as Pine Tree 2-15-75 as Finest Known. This being close to that coin, is perhaps SECOND FINEST KNOWN! 600 360 —

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL"
SEPT 9, 1988

HALL - PARTRICK
OECHSNER
NICE ABT UNC
REDDISH

700 —
3200 —

Lot No. 1025

1025 **1785 Miller 3.4-F.2.** Mailed bust right. 130.0 grains. **Choice About Uncirculated,** somewhat softly struck at the centers. Light reddish brown toning. Well centered, lovely smooth and glossy surfaces. Full sharp date. A small planchet defect at the upper reverse rim. Far superior to the Taylor coins, though not quite as sharp as the EAC piece. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$3,520 —

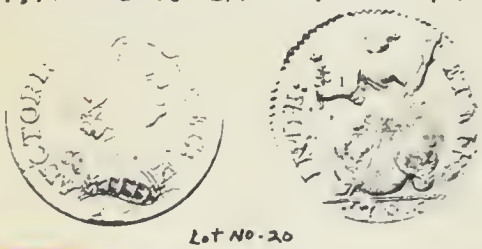
From the Virgil Brand Collection; earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE FEB 10, 1982 NICE VF R. MARTIN

109 1785 Mailed Bust Right. M.3.4-F.2. Boldly struck with excellent detail, even in the reverse shield. Tiny edge defect at 5 o'clock. Glossy dark brown surfaces. **Very Fine.**

$200 —

STACK'S "T. H. ALLEN SALE" FEB 4, 1977



Lot No. 20

20 **1785 Miller 3.4-F.2.** Mailed bust facing right. A superb, well struck coin and almost perfectly centered with only the bottom of the loop of 5 off the planchet. Though a very glossy appearing coin, close examination with a glass reveals minor flaking in some areas. A pleasant warm even brown. **Extremely Fine.**

$95 —

STACK'S "T. H. ALLEN SALE" FEB 4, 1977

1785 Miller 3.4-F.2. Another excellent specimen, with all details sharply struck. Very Fine.

$60 —

STACK'S "N. BRYANT" FEB. 2, 1973

1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.4-F.2. Rarity 3. Very Fine. An excellent specimen, with all details sharply struck. Ex John M. Richardson. $90 —

STACK'S "ESSEX INSTITUTE" FEB 6, 1975

1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.4-F.2. Rarity 3. Mailed bust facing right. Sharply struck for the most part and perfectly centered. A nice dark brown "type" coin. Very Fine, a few light nicks. $80 —

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986 CHOICE VF

1330 1785 M.3.4-F.2 (R-3). "ET LIR." Extremely Fine, glossy deep brown toning with excellent surfaces. Somewhat softly struck, but evenly so, and no area particularly weak. Overall a very pleasing specimen.

267.50

3.4-F.2

CONNECTICUT

PINE TREE "PROMISED LAND'S" APR 30, 1974

254 Connecticut Coppers. 1785. Bust r. Miller 3.4–F.2.
$75 Fine for the coin, though only traces of grapevines show on shield, and only traces of hair behind wreath. Light tan with interesting natural streaky mottlings; faint old scratches, not disturbing the colors. Far above average. Nice enough that it was bought as "VF/XF."

$77 MID-AMERICAN "1987 AUG SALE" AUG 21-22, 1987

11. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Very Fine (20/20). Miller 3.4-F.2,
77 Rarity 2. Chocolate brown, with some very light granularity and a minor rim defect at K-9. Attractive.

STEVE IVY 1993 ANA FEB 24, 1993

15 1785 Connecticut EXTREMELY FINE
440 (40) Mailed Bust Right. Miller 3.4-F.2. (R-3). Mottled olive-brown. Sharply struck on a lovely planchet; full date and legends are present. No flaws of note; an unusual situation for this variety. Very possibly the second finest known for the variety; finer than the Miller plate coin. Vlack plate coin and those in MHS, NNS 60th Sale and Bryant. Only the 1975 EAC piece is finer and this is a worthy rival. A magnificent and important Connecticut. Ex Kagin's 1978 GENA Sale: 1640.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 3.4-F.2 (R-3). Very Good $22.00; [redacted]; VF-EF $99.00; [redacted]; EF-AU, most probably a coin which has seen little if any actual circulation. What appears to be slight wear is undoubtedly to to striking. A first-class Connecticut cent! . RCR #14 . . . . . 225.00

1785 Bust right. 3.4-F.2 (R-3). Good $11.00; Fine $35.00; Extremely Fine. Well centered and well struck on an imperfection-free planchet! What more could be asked of a Connecticut copper? RCR #12 . . SEPT, 1971 . . . . . 165.00

1785 Bust right. 3.4-F.2. (R-3). [redacted]; Fine $23.00; F-VF . RARE COIN REVIEW #7 . . SEPT, 1970 . . . . . 25.00

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976

522 1785 Bust Right. 3.4-F.2 (R-3). Fine to Very Fine. Some ancient
25 scratches, now tonally blended with the background planchet, on the obverse. Quite attractive.

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

149 1785 Connecticut copper. M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-2. 147.4
60 grains. ET LIR variety. A chocolate brown specimen with an obverse fissure in the effigy's hair designs, otherwise visually equivalent, or nearly so, to Taylor:2307. M. RING

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

151 Another 1785 Connecticut copper trio: ☆ M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. VG-
220 8. Rarity-2. 126.9 grains. ET LIR variety ~~☆ M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. 132.7 grains. African Head variety. Some striking weakness at the peripheries, lightly granular surfaces ☆ M 5-F.5. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-4. 151.1 grains. From an early obverse state, with crack just beginning at effigy's bust. Planchet crack and fissure at 7:00 on obverse, through to reverse in corresponding position as struck.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)
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BOWER'S SOMERSET COLL. MAY 29, 1992

152 1785 Connecticut copper quartette: ☆ M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8.
208 Rarity-2. 129.4 grains. ET LIR variety, slightly bent ~~☆ M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-1. 131.1 grains. African Head, some striking weakness at rims. Attractive for the grade ☆ M 4.4-G. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 126.3 grains. Faintly granular surfaces, with central reverse planchet fissure noted for accuracy ☆ M 6.4-I. VG-8. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity-3. 120.7 grains. From advanced obverse state, with small die break connecting effigy's shoulder to A in AUCTORI.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

150 Trio of 1785 Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12.
1300 Rarity-2. 148.3 grains. ET LIR variety ~~☆ M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. for sharpness. Rarity-1. 135.6 grains. African Head variety. Porous, patinated surfaces ☆ M 6.4-I. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-3. 123.8 grains. Light, uniformly porous surfaces, weakly struck at the central reverse details, as often seen.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1336 1785 Miller 3.4-F.2. 149 grains. Mailed bust right,
HESSBERG crude uneven-surface planchet, square lamination over last C in CONNEC. Deep glossy brown. Fine.
LAMINATIONS - VERDIGRIS ON OBVERSE
SEE STACK'S FPL FALL 1992 AT 85.00 WHT 148.5 GR

NORMAN PETERS LIST SEPT, 1980

1785 3.4-F.2, R3 A.G. $5.00

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1785 CONNECTICUT 3.4-F.2 Rarity-3. Defective planchet VG. 75.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION "BARNSLEY COLLECTION" 1989

3.4-F.2	1785	VG+/VG+	R3	Rounded edges, very worn
3.4-F.2	1785	VG+/VG+	R3	Clip at 8:00, several edge
3.4-F.2	1785	VG+	R3	Obverse planchet defect
3.4-F.2	1785	VG+	R3	
3.4-F.2	1785	VG+.	R3	Dark.
3.4-F.2	1785	VG	R3	Dark; digs on obverse.
3.4-F.2	1785	G-	R3	Verdigris; old chemical cleaning

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

3.4-F.2 11196 (1,dmg) BASAL STATE
9434 (5) GOOD 5
9439 (5) GOOD 5
6379 (8) VERY GOOD 8
9436 (10) VERY GOOD 10
5190 (20,flaw) VF

ANA MUSEUM, 1987

1785 Copper Abt. F 9.67g 180° Miller 3.4-F.2 (R3)

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'CAMBRIDGE SALE 10-16-90

6614 Further pair of state issues: ☆ 1785 Connecticut copper M 3.4-F.2. VG-8. planchet flawed 124.8 grains ☆ ~~1788 Massachusetts cent. R-1.~~ D ~~137.0 grains.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 601 SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

321 Similar. So-called ET LIR variety. M. 3.4-F.2 (Rarity 3). Fine. Unevenly struck-up
18 with minutely granular and porous surfaces; slight flan clip at five o'clock on obverse. With a small obv. field dig below C of AUCTORI and three tiny rev. rim and/or border nicks. Comparable to the Miller Plate coin; valued to $30.00.
B of LIB open at bottom, hence sometimes mislabeled "ET LIR."

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M 3, 4 F.2 (R-3). Very Good, very dark toning 60.00
Very Fine, somewhat granular surfaces 250.00

3.4-F.2

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 7, 1985

2004 1785 Bust right. Miller 3.4-F.2 (R-3). Good, full date, planchet defect on central
11- head, some cleaning lines.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

10) 1785 M.3.4-F.2 Very Fine (30-35). Medium tan color. Tiny rim clip at 5 o'clock reverse. -C

11) 1785 M.3.4-F.2 Fine+ Light olive green patina. Old vertical scratch in right obverse field. (No Provenance).

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HOCH PLATE

F2

L. MERKIN SALE: OCT 31, 1973

124 1785 Miller 3. 4–F.2. Rarity 3. Full date VF. All details sharp and clear. (PDV)
60- The variety that used to be listed as the ER LIR because the bottom of the B is defective. A dark stain over C of AUCTORI, otherwise a very pleasing light brown. About equal to Miller plate.

L. MERKIN SALE: OCT 31, 1973

125 — 1785 Miller 3.4–F.2, Rarity 3. VF. As above but thin planchet, very slightly off
55- center so that only the bottom of the date is off the planchet. Well struck with more detail than the preceding lot, but on a rough planchet. A very desirable specimen.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

21 Similar. First with one quadrefoil in reverse legend and partly filled B (incor-
15- rectly called ET LIR); ~~second with two groups of four dots after INDE~~. M. 3.4-F2 ~~and 44-G~~. Fine for coin ~~and Good to VG~~; the former with beautiful surfaces and superior sharpness to the Miller Plate coin, ~~the latter very weakly and unevenly struck on a defective planchet.~~ Both with light mint clips; ~~the the second R-4.~~ 2 Pcs.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD LIST #2 FEB, 1989

51 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.4-F.2. Malled Bust Right. Rarity 2 as a variety, at least R-7 in this terminal die state. 142.9 grains. Fine,** several light scratches on either side. The only other example seen was an inferior specimen which now resides in a California collection.....$59

Extremely late die state, with the reverse bulged, buckled and broken. This die state is understandably rare, as this die could not have struck more than a few more pieces before completely shattering. It's possible that this late die state was actually struck later than the year indicated; such backdated issues are known in most state coinage series. Colonial researcher Michael Hodder has prepared an authoritative article for *The Colonial Newsletter* regarding a backdated New Jersey die, which will be of interest to every colonial afficionado, and we expect the research to continue into the other series as well.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE MARCH 18, 1985

2091 **1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR.** Very Good/Fine. Rarity 2. 105.4
75- grains. Dark brown. Very granular. High points
75 abraded. Die states uncertain due to surface quality;
82.50 ~~**1785 M.4.3-D. MBR.** Overall Fine. Rarity 4. 135.3 grains. Golden brown. Surfaces microscopically granular. Light flaws and striations. States about as Taylor:2314.~~ 2 pieces.

~~*The second from NERCA's sale of July 23, 1976, part of lot 10.*~~

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, FALL, 1982

258 **1785 M.3.4-F.2** (R-2). MBR. 148.5 gns. Technically Fine. Olive brown and tan. Deep flaw obverse rim at 5:00, others across head and on Liberty's figure. Planchet cutter "pinch" obverse rim at 8:30. Reverse surface nicked. Active verdigris in left obverse field. Obverse state as Taylor: 2307; reverse later, die failing at DE, clashed at ETLIB. HESSBERG *$85.00*

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991.

ALSO *lot 1336.*

STACK'S SALE 5/5/93 LOT #5 AT $44.50

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

7 1785 ~~Bust Facing Right M #3.3-F.3 (R-4) G-4, heavy surface marks, slightly corroded~~; Bust Facing Right M #3.4-F.2 (R-3) G-4, dark
21- with light scratches; ~~Bust Facing Right M #3.5-B (R-2) G-4, dark with heavy surface marks~~. (Lot of 3 pieces).

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1218 ~~1785 Miller 1-E (R-4). Bust facing right. Good. Numerous facial scratches and one reverse dig; M.3.1-L (R-4). Good~~, M.3.4-F.2 (2). Good-Very Good, one with
137.50 facial pinscratches; ~~M.3.5-B. Good. Medium glossy brown, some planchet faults; M.4.1-F.4. "African head." About Good, date not visible. A few planchet imperfections~~. 6 pieces. 2 PIECES

STACK'S SALE " JUNE 27-28, 1975

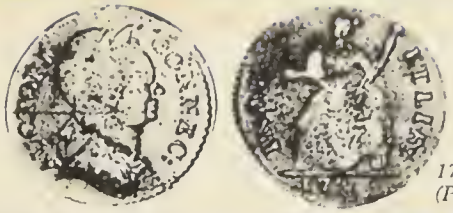
30 ~~1785-6~~ Connecticut. Miller 3.4-F.2 (R.3), ~~Miller 5.1-F.5 (R.4), and 1786 Miller 5.5-M (R.3).~~ All well centered with full dates and legends. Even moderate wear.
37.50 Good. 3 pieces.

STACK'S N. BRYANT SALE: FEB 2, 1973

7 1785 ~~Connecticut. Miller 3.3-F.3. (Rarity 4)~~; Miller 3.4-F.2. (Rarity 3); ~~Miller 4.1-F.4. (African Head)~~. Fair to Fine. 3 pieces.
37.50

3.4-F.2

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA, 1990



SEE NORWEB LOT # 2465

1785 copper
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

C.206. 1785 Copper: Mailed Bust right, rev. INDE: ET LIR:, M 3.4-F.2, Steinberg EF, $2,970.

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

CONDITION CENSUS SPECIMEN

2200-
2700-

Lot No. 78
(Enlarged)

CHOICE XF+/AU

78 **1785 Miller 3.4-F.2.** ET LIR. Minor nicks on neck, and a couple of faint lines. Slightly off-center, but all details are on the flan. A good deal sharper than the Appleton/M.H.S./Taylor coin, and close to the EAC piece. Brown and fading olive toning. glossy surfaces. All three vines on the shield are sharp. **Strong Extremely Fine,** close to About Uncirculated. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$2,970

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7-8, 1989

836 **1785** Miller 3.4-F.2. Late reverse die state, a heavy break from N through the bases of DE, and another through the bottoms of LIB. Well centered, nearly full date. Planchet defect vertically from the rim through the lower bust. Deep brown with highlighted devices. Fine.

77

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7-8, 1989

842 ~~1787 Miller 16.2-NN.1 (R-5). Somewhat off center.~~ but the tops of the date are visible. ~~Deep brown and faded olive toning, the dies rotated more than 90 degrees clockwise with resulting strike weakness on the lower reverse and lower left obverse. Very Good/Fine~~; 1785 Miller 3.4-F.2. Medium brown, granular surfaces. Date mostly visible, as are the legends. Good. 2 pieces.

198

STACK'S 'PERKIN'S COLL SALE' MARCH 16, 1993

2090 **1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR.** Overall Fine. Rarity 2. 105.4 grains. Dark brown. Surfaces uniformly granular. Very soft in the centers, legends clear, date barely legible. Perfect die states. AT 33

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Ex Stack's September 7, 1989 Sale, part of lot 842.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

26 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M-3.4-F.2. The Guide Book Plate Coin, cf. p. 37, for the Bust Facing Right Type. This is also the ET LIR variety. Choice Extremely Fine. Perfect light brown surfaces. 850.00

ARD BOOK PLATE 1981

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

33 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.4-F.2. ET LIR variety. Very Fine. Well centered, smooth medium brown 225.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST (1978)

1785 Bust Right, M.3.4-F.2. (R-3), Good, sm. patch of corrosion.. ~~10.00~~.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1977

1785 M.3.4-F.2, ET LIR, Very Good, pleasing.....25.00

3.4-F.2

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

150-
250-
275.00

MINOR DENTS OK

5646 **1785 M 3.4-F.2. ET LIR Variety.** Rarity-2. **VF-25,** pleasing olive. Minor edge dents. 142.6 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2307.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

6510 Connecticut copper trio: ☆ 1785 M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-2. 152.8 grains. ET LIR variety. Visually finer than Norweb:2465; sharpness approaches that of Taylor 2307, the Appleton-M H.S. coin. From a clashed state of the reverse die, with prominent bulges affecting the peripheral legends. An obverse planchet flaw, as struck, extends from the rim at 6:00 to the effigy's cheek ☆ ~~1786 M 2-1-A. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 96.1 grains. Die alignment 360°. Struck on a thin, lightweight planchet, as usually seen for this combination. Faintly porous olive green surfaces with faint reverse planchet striations noted ☆ 1786 M 5-2-1. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-3. 111.1 grains. Faintly porous surfaces with some lightness of central impression noted. A good group for the beginning Connecticut copper enthusiast.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

176.00

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL.' JULY 22, 1992

2595 **1785 M 3.4-F.2.** MBR. ET LIR variety. R-2. 147.9 gns. **Choice Very Fine** technically, eye appeal of nearly Extremely Fine. Very nice, even light olive brown on both sides. Obverse bust outlined by careful tooling. In terms of technical grade nicer than the Miller plate specimen, both Taylor coins (lots 2307/8), one of the two ANS examples, and pieces seen in seven private collections. Not as sharp as PT EAC'75:10, but not damaged as that coin. Struck from the perfect states of both dies. FAIR VF 20

302.50

2595

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

6509 Pair of 1785 Connecticut coppers, each with Mailed Bust Right design: ☆ M 3.4-F.2. F-12, faint scratches noted. Rarity-2. 144.9 grains. ET LIR reverse variety. A pleasing chocolate brown specimen with some faint, very minor surface porosity at the left side of the obverse. Attractive for the grade ☆ ~~M 6.4-1. F-15. Rarity-3. 131.3 grains. Actual sharpness of a VF-20 coin, however faint, uniform porosity and some small patches of verdigris on the reverse are noted. Some reverse planchet fissures are noted in the area of the date, as generally seen for this issue.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

49.50

EX. MHS 10/70 #118 / EX. McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CT SALE" OCT 12, 1996 #184
EX. TAYLOR 3/27/87 # 2307

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

199 **1785** Miller 3.4-F.2 (R-2). 140 grains. A handsome golden brown specimen of the ET LIR variety. Free of any appreciable defects. Well struck and well centered. Choice Very Fine, nearly Extremely Fine. VF 20 OK + T. PIERVINCENTI

Ex William S. Appleton Collection; Massachusetts Historical Society Sale (Stack's, October 1970, lot 118); Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 27, 1987, lot 2307). AT 357.50

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ALSO "ROSA AMERICANA FPL #12 LOT #69 AS CHOICE VF AT $579

49.5

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990

2. 1785 M.3.4-F.2, 146.8 grains. About Very Fine, generally clean dark brown surfaces with some light obverse striae. Well centered and struck, clear date and legends. Early die states, with sharply defined reverse. 150.00

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1990

1. 1785 Bust Right, Miller 3.4-F.2. Fine to Very Fine, dark brown fields with lighter highlights. planchet crack at lower obverse. WHT. 153.4 GR. 90.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

4. 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.3.4-F.2. A dark, glossy Fine with the usual planchet defects. Full date and legends..... 30.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #40 NOV 21, 1985

5 1785 Miler 3.4-F.2. Very Good-8, R-3. Bust Right. Very granular and a planchet lamination of the obverse. $25

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #39 OCT, 1985

Mailed Bust Right. Miller 3.4-F.2, R-3. Fine-12. Lightly ous, but all of the detailshows. Minor planchet clip at 3:00 and nice planchet lamination on the obverse. ($40)

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

539 **1785.** Mailed Bust Right "Company for Coining Coppers" ~~M.3.1-A.3 (R-3) Very Good, dark patina and weakly struck reverse. On reverse M.4.3-1.3 (R-3) Very Good, brown patina with light surface granularity, and the usual M.3.4.-F.2 (R-3) Very Good or better, some details nearly Fine.~~ (Compare to lots 4, 8 and 10 respectively, on I. A. Cohen sale) 3 pcs. ($180.-210.)

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3.4-F.2

1785 M.3.4-F.2. MARK POULIN COLL MAY, 1993
FINE OR SO. FLAW THROUGH COIN, HOLED.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

120-
170-

Lot No. 2089

2089 **1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR. Very Fine.** Rarity 2. 139.2 grains. Nice, even deep brown. Surfaces micro-granular but appear smooth and hard. Planchet cutter clip obverse at 7 o'clock, rim digs reverse at 12:20 and 7 o'clock. Nicer than both Taylor coins (inaccurately called there ET LIR) and Norweb:2465, as well as the Hessberg, ANA and one of the ANS coins. The Condition Census for this variety starts with a strong Very Fine; Oechsner:1025 was an exceptional coin. Slightly later state of the reverse, a faint bulge visible between Liberty's head and cap.

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Ex George S. Hatie Collection Sale (Bowers and Merena, August 3, 1983, part of lot 119).

ROSA AMERICANA EPL#8 SPRING, 1993

A ~~CHOICE~~
1785 MILLER 3.4-F.2
~~CONDITION CENSUS!~~

EX. M&G C4 BARNES SALE
OCT 12, 1996 LOT# 185

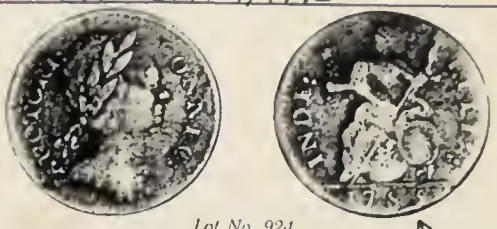
45 1785 Connecticut, Miller 3.4-F.2. Rarity-2. 139.2 grains. ~~Choice~~ Very Fine. Well struck for the issue, with full legends and date, as well as all of the design details expected of the grade. Clean, hard dark brown surfaces, with no defect to mar the surfaces. There is a small curved rim clip at K-7, which affects none of the legends or design details. A very pleasing example of this variety that is common enough in lower grades, but which is decidedly rare in anything above Fine. Indeed, the present coin is nicer than either of the two Taylor coins, as well as the Hessberg example, the Oechsner coin, a choice AU, was easily the finest known example of the variety. The present coin is tied with a few others at the tail end of the Condition Census—a very pleasing example indeed! . . . $329

The Condition Census for the variety appears to be as follows:

1) *The Dr. Hall-Oechsner coin, About Uncirculated*
2) *The '75 EAC specimen, Extremely Fine+*
3) *The Redbook plate coin, sold by David Sonderman several years ago, Extremely Fine*
4) *Stack's 2/77 sale, Extremely Fine*
5) *Private collection, Extremely Fine*
6) *This coin, Choice Very Fine*
7) *Lester Merkin's 10/73 sale, Choice Very Fine*
8) *Picker Reference Collection, Choice Very Fine*
9) *ANS Collection, Choice Very Fine*

The last four specimens are all pretty much equal in terms of quality

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993



Lot No. 924

TO T. RINALDO

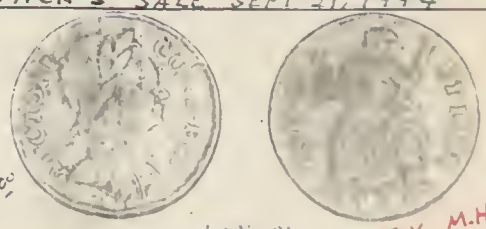
924 **1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR.** Rarity 2. Very Good to Fine. 138.8 gns. Dark brown and granular. Obverse rim flaw at shoulder point; reverse rim bruise below 85 in date. Several old scratches, some quite noticeable. From the **Miller sale.** This was one of Miller's four duplicates. Exact die states uncertain but apparently perfect.

70-
85-
92-

From Thomas L. Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, part of lot 2078, to Hillyer Ryder, thence to F.C.C. Boyd. Ryder's descriptive ticket accompanies this lot

This is the first of several Connecticuts in this sale that have not been seen publicly since the 1920 Miller sale. Walter Breen wrote in the 1975 Pine Tree EAC catalogue that he had seen some of Boyd's Connecticuts. It is clear, however, that he did not have the opportunity to see or study many of them, as he did Boyd's New Jersey's. Ryder purchased 111 lots from the 1920 Miller sale, all of which he recorded on tickets like the one that accompanies this lot. We note that there are coins currently available on the market that are said to be ex the Miller sale but that cannot have been since the real Miller coins went into the Ryder Collection in 1920.

EX STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992 LOT# 199
STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994



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Lot No. 21

EX M.H.S. TAYLOR

21 **1785 Miller 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right.** ET LIR variety. Rarity 2. Choice Very Fine, nearly Extremely Fine. 140.0 gns. A handsome specimen, free from any appreciable defects. Well struck and centered.

Ex Stack's S[illegible] 1992 [illegible] Sumner Applet[illegible] Collection [illegible] Stack's, October 1970, lot 118, [illegible] March 1987, [illegible] 2307 MACAULEY & GRELLMAN "C4" SALE OCT 12, 1996 LOT# 184

BOWER'S 'M.H.S.' SALE NOV 18, 1994

3179 **1785 M.3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12.** Rarity-2. 143.1 grains. One of the popular ET LIR varieties. Medium brown surfaces display attractive tan highlights on the high points. Some faint, old hairline scratches can be seen under low magnification, but still an attractive coin for the grade.

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3.4-F.2

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2077 100.00 1785 M.3.4-F.2. ETLIR. Mailed Bust Right. Strong Fine. Rarity 2. 143.4 grains. Dark brown. Minor granularity. Obverse rim flaw over first C; reverse planchet cutter burr to left of date. Die states as Taylor:2307.

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

8 1785 ~~MBR coppers. M.3.4-F.1. R-3. Very Good, light striations, reverse rim flawed. 134.7 gns;~~ M.3.4-F.2. R-2. Very Good, olive, granular, small reverse flaw. 120.2 gns. Attribution painted on obverse; M.3.4-F.2. R-2. Very Good, dark gray, very granular. 126.1 gns. Attribution painted on obverse; ~~M.3.5-B. R-4. Fine, flawed, granular, obverse lamination partly peeled off. 145.2 gns; M.3.5-B. R-4. Very Good, light brown, flawed and pitted. 130.2 gns.~~ 5 pieces.

~~*The first with round card ticket with circle H.*~~

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

9 1785 ~~M.3.4-F.1. MBR. R-3. Good or slightly better, dark olive, lacquered. 138.9 gns. Flawed partly across and through, reverse very granular. Perfect dies;~~ M.3.4-F.2. MBR. R-2. Very Good, granular olive-gray, obverse rim flawed. 131.6 gns. **The Miller sale coin.** Perfect die states. 2 pieces.

~~*The first from Dr. Hall, ex Charles Steigerwalt 1895, round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot; the second, from Thm Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 2078. Ryder's ticket also accompanies this lot.*~~

BOWER'S "ROSSI & WILSON" MAY 30, 1997

440

35 1785 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Right. ET LIR reverse. M 3.4-F.2. EF-40. Medium brown. A nice coin with strong design detail and no serious marks.

Weight: 149.7 grains. Diameter: 1.131 inches.

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

1970 44.00 1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR. Overall Fine. Rarity 2. 105.4 grains. Dark brown. Surfaces uniformly granular. Very soft in the centers, legends clear, date barely legible. Perfect die states.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

103 1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR. ET LIR. R-2. Nearly Fine. 149.5 gns. Olive brown and green on a broad flan. Lamination at 10:00 obverse rim; ~~M.4.4-C. MBR. R-3. Fine. 147.9 gns. Dark brown, minor flaws, partial date; M.6.3-G.1. MBR. R-3. Very Fine, obverse corroded, scratched. 145.9 gns. Dark olive. Late reverse state and the sole justification for owning this coin.~~ 3 pieces.

~~*The second is from our March 18, 1993 sale, lot 2093; earlier, ex Noyes II, lot 2466.*~~

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

27 1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR. R-2. Fine, or so. 121.9 gns. Mottled dark and lighter olive. Obverse retained lamination at lower left rim. Flawed clear through the flan from effigy's mouth up level with top of second C. Our consignor nicknamed this the "Rare Fire Eater Variety" and we chose to offer it singly to give another collector the chance to own an interesting conversation piece. NATURAL FLAW (HOLE)

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SEPT 11-13, 1995

3104 1785 Miller 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust right. VF. Rarity-2. 126.5 grains. Obverse porosity. Faint patina on both sides. One of the ET LIR varieties.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

140.60 1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.4-F.2 MBR (R-3) F12 136.8 gns. Chocolate brown, full legends and date. Both sides moderately porous, with toned vertical pin scratches at reverse center. Several small odd circular digs on reverse, but nice for a budget collector as all of the design elements are clear.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER 1994

85. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 3.4-F.2. Rarity-2. 128.7 grains. Choice Fine, some details deserving of a slightly higher grade. Full legends and date, a few of the obverse letters a tad weak. Lighter brown color, slightly matte-like, but with no sort of damage or defect other than honest wear, which makes for a very attractive lower grade coin. The reverse is especially nice, with a rather well-balanced layout of design, symmetrical legend placement and with a full date to boot. Specialists in the series know just how difficult it is to get first-year-of-issue CT's in anything even resembling choice condition, though many varieties are quite readily available in unattractive states of preservation.....$49

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

86. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 3.4-F.2, another. 136.3 grains. Very Good or so, on a more typical planchet for the series with some obverse roughness at the right and a few small laminations on the reverse. Nearly full legends and date, though some letters are weak. Inexpensive at only.....$29

3.4 - F. 2

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES SALE" OCT 12, 1996

210-
420-
462.00

EX M.H.S.
EX TAYLOR

J. ROCK

GOOD COLOR
SMALL ZIA
DRUGGE

184. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.4-F.2 MBR (R-4) VF20 140.8 gns. Lovely light golden brown, semi glossy and problem free. Its surfaces are well above average and all but free of striae. The obverse is smooth while the reverse comes closer to being hard than one typically has a right to expect from a 1785 Connecticut. While several exceptional examples of this variety are known to exist (consult the 1975 Pine Tree EAC sale and the 1988 Stack's Oechsner sale for plates of two) given this ones eye appeal it would make a superb type coin for the year. It also comes with an excellent provenance. This coin was last auctioned as lot #199 in Stack's Jan. 1992 Sale where it was graded "Choice Very Fine, nearly Extremely Fine" (grading of colonials in that particular sale was considered by some to be a temporary departure from Stack's typically more conservative standards, as reflected in numerous up grades given ex-Taylor coins). This coin came from Bowers and Merena's Sale of the Taylor Collection where it was graded VF20 as lot 2307. Previously it was owned by Richard Picker and before that it resided in the Appleton Collection sold by Stack's as lot 118 of their 10/70 Massachusetts Historical Society Sale! For a colonial collector with a taste for both the unusual and the lovely, this coin would certainly be a prize. Stack's 1/92 lot ticket included.. & STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT # 21 AT $375.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES SALE" OCT 12, 1996

210-
210-
231.00

185. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.3.4-F.2 MBR (R-2) VF25 139.3 gns. Dark brown. Surfaces minutely granular. Planchet clip at 7 o'clock. Slight rim bumps most notable on reverse. Ex. George Perkins Collection, Stack's auction where it is stated, "Nicer than both Taylor coins (inaccurately called there ET LIR) and Norweb: 2465, as well as the Hessberg, ANA and one of the ANS coins." Ex George Perkins Collection (Stack's 3-18-93, Lot 2089); George S. Hafie Collection Sale (Bowers and Merena, 8-3-83, part of Lot 119). ALSO SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL # 8 SPRING 1993 LOT # 45 STACK'S "PERKINS COLL" SALE MARCH 18, 1993 # 2089

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT # 21
SEE M & G C4 BARNES SALE OCT 12, 1996 LOT # 184
ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

A VERY CHOICE MILLER 3.4-F.2 THE TAYLOR COIN

EX TAYLOR
EX M.H.S.

Earlier From the Appleton and Massachusetts Historical Society Collections

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL # 14 SUMMER 1999 LOT # 113 AT $799-

69 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.4-F.2. Rarity-4. 140.8 grains. Choice Very Fine. This is the FREDERICK TAYLOR coin, plated and described as Lot 2307 of that sale and described by Michael Hodder as "VF-20. Light golden brown planchet, free from major defects. From Stack's sale of The Massachusetts Historical Society Collection, October, 1970, to Richard Picker; thence to Taylor." While the description is somewhat terse, the coin itself is exceptional, and clearly in the bottom end of the Condition Census for the variety. The piece is boldly struck, with full legends, a sharp date that is fully on the planchet and great design detail on either side. If that's not odd enough for a 1785 issue, the coin has gorgeous light golden brown surfaces that are glossy and free of any sort of damage or defect. One of the most pleasing examples of this scarce variety that has ever appeared. Indeed, the only distinctly nicer ones have been the Choice AU Dr. Hall-Oechsner coin [at $3520] and choice EF's in the EAC '75 sale, Roper and in Steinberg, the latter at $2970. Norweb's was just a rough VF, Schenkel was a solid VF and the Picker Reference Collection coin was VF but heavily tooled. A perfect coin for the type collector given its choice color, surfaces and nice strike, or a pleasing example of the variety for the Connecticut copper specialist.....$579

From the Appleton collection, later to the Massachusetts Historical Society, to Richard Picker, to Frederick Taylor The coin sold to a private collector in that sale and was later offered in Stack's sale of January, 1992, where it was described as "Choice Very Fine, nearly Extremely Fine" and ralized $495.

3.4-F.2

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

1785 MILLER 3.4-F.2

Technical Condition Census - The Roper Coin

750-
1,700-
$1,870-

TO JIM GOUDGE Lot No. 110

EAC '75 #10

110 **1785 Miller 3.4-F.2.** Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 2. 160.7 gns. **Extremely Fine,** light golden brown in color. Obverse quite granular, reverse much smoother and harder in appearance. Diagonal planchet flaw line rim to rim through AUC on obverse, depression near rim to right of bust; trivial rim pinch reverse on cap. **Technical Condition Census** for the variety, the majority of which come VF or lower in grade. In a database of Connecticuts that includes 33 examples of M.3.4-F.2, only two have ever been catalogued as EF coins. Choice VF is an outstanding grade for this variety. The dies appear to have been in their perfect states when they struck this coin. On the reverse B in LIB is open at the bottom, leading some to call this an ET LIR variety.

Ex John L. Roper II Sale (Stack's, December 8, 1983, lot 227).

EX EAC '75 SALE FEB 15, 1975 LOT #10

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

143. 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.4-F.2. Rarity-4 139.5 grains. Very Good/Fine, the obverse a bit weaker than the reverse. NNEC is faint but mostly visible on the obverse, as is the area across from it on the reverse, the letters LIB; the date is full and relatively sharp. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with a couple of long, thin and very shallow striations, the reverse relatively hard and defect free. No post-striking damage or defect, which makes for a pleasing and inexpensive example of the variety and type.....$69

3.5-B

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

11* **1785. M. 3.5-B.** R-2. Fringes from both ribbon ends; D double punched, B lacks its left base. **Most details Fine, some of full VF sharpness** especially at lower left obverse. **Chocolate brown surfaces suggesting a grade nearer to VF;** weakly struck at border above head and below date as always; edge planchet defect below curiass extending to Liberty cap. Notably sharper than the Hoch Plate coin or the "VF" but weak Appleton-MHS coin, Lot 119; no auction record of one notably finer, though in Good or VG the variety is common enough. **(Photo)** EAC'75 **($75-up)** $66

*Bids accepted by mail only.

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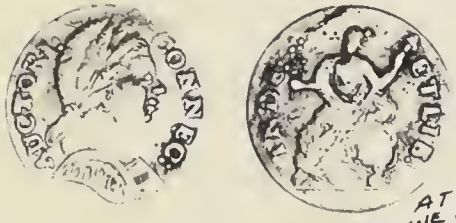
1785 M 3.5-B

Condition Census

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987



AT BEST FINE OVERALL

2309 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.5-B. Mailed Bust Right.** 128.1 grains. R-4. VF-30. Condidtion Census: obverse sharpness finer than that seen on most, including the Pine Tree E.A.C. Sale specimen. Hair detail below the wreath, and around the jawline, sharp. Typical reverse weakness beneath Liberty's waist, but with more skirtlines visible than usually found on the variety. Multicolored, mahogany to gold to pale red on the obverse; reverse somewhat darker in places. Obverse scratch. $176 —

$176

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987
LOT # 2303 3.5-B. 125.7 grains. R-4. F-15. deep reverse planchet flaw, almost a lamination;
1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

OK TO NICE COLOR VF 20 SMOOTH MED. BROWN

1785 M 3.5-B

MHS TAYLOR

The Appleton-M.H.S. Specimen

$412.50 BOWER'S TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2310 **1785 Connecticut. M 3.5-B. Mailed Bust Right.** 134.2 grains. R-4 VF-20. Attractive, evenly toned golden brown planchet with smooth, problem-free surfaces. Tiny planchet flaw in center of reverse. Reverse die identifiable by the boldly recut D in INDE. Typically weak below Liberty's waist. Almost, but not quite, as sharp as the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen. $412.50

From Stack's Sale of The Massachusetts Historical Society Collection, October 1970, Lot ~~2310~~ 119

STACK'S "M.H.S. OCT 23, 1970

119 **1785 Miller 3.5-B.** Very Fine. Rarity 2. Of low rarity but another splendid coin. Only modest wear on the hair. The mail in full sharpness. The reverse displays only a minor planchet defect in the waist. Well centered and well struck except for some light weakness on the skirt and shield. An attractive light brown. The specialist as well as the type collector will envy the new owner of this piece. **PLATE** $60 —

MHS

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BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

ROCK LIST $69 — 1073 49.50 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.5-B. Rarity-4. VG-8. 148.6 grains. Pale golden brown. Both surfaces microscopically granular. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2309 and 2310.

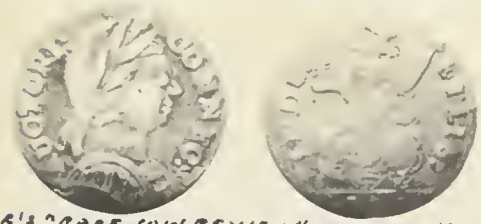
ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 1 FEB, 1989

52 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 3.5-B. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 4. 148.6 grains** Very Good, the central details a bit sharper; periphery weak, as usual for the variety. An inexpensive example of a scarcer variety. EX OECHSNER LOT # 1018 ..... $69

Miller 3.5-B.

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 7, 1988 LOT # 1018
148.3 grains. Good, the last two digits of the date visible. 3 pieces
LOT BROUGHT $242 —
1 OF 3 PIECES

3.5-B



BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW 4/4 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 3.5-B (R-2). Very Good $24.00; VF-EF $99.00; Extremely Fine, a sharp specimen which, like so many coins offered here, exceeds in quality that offered in our *Rare Coin Review* No. 12 – in itself a spectacular offering! 165.00

1785 Bust right. 3.5-B. (R-2). Very Good R.C.R.R. 7 SEPT 1970 16.00

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA SALE' SEPT 17-19, 1984

612 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers comprising four different dates—a nice start on a collection or type set~~: 1785 Miller 3.5-B, Mailed Bust right, ~~VG; 1786 Miller 5.4-G, Mailed Bust left, attractive Fine to Very Fine, and not common in this grade; 1787 Miller 32.3-X.2, Draped Bust Left, Fine to Very Fine; and 1788 Miller 11-G, Mailed Bust left, Fine to Very Fine.~~ (Total: 4 pieces) OK, DEFECTS OK, RIM NICK

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NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1983

1785 3.5-B (R2) G-VG Flan flaws $8.50

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

925 **1785 M.3.5-B. MBR.** Rarity 4. About Good/Fair. 117.4 gns. Olive-brown. Surfaces rough, flaw and lamination upper right obverse; ~~**M.4.3-A.2. MBR.** Rarity 3. Good. 122.9 gns. Reddish brown. Deep linear reverse flaw; **another.** About Good. 128.2 gns. Golden-brown, buffed. Deep flaw nearly through coin. From the very late, near terminal die states.~~ 3 pieces.

75 80 88

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

3.5-B	1785	VF	R2	Planchet defects & incl
3.5-B	1785	F	R2	Scratches & dent.

CONN. STATE LIBRARY

3.5-B 6347 (5) GOODS

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

55 1785 M.3.5-B; ~~1787 M.14-H, M.B.L.; arrows at date; 1787 M.17-g.3, D.B.L.; 1787 M.39.1-h.1, D.B.L.; AUCTOBI. All are~~ Very Good to Fine. Lot of 4 pieces. 100

100

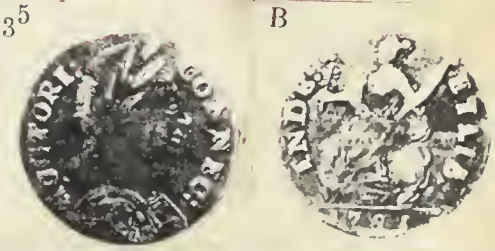
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

12) 1785 M.3.5-B Abt. Fine overall. Localized weakness obscuring "NNEC" in obverse legend, and corresponding 785 in date on reverse. Some planchet striae on reverse. Decent medium brown color. White ink attribution on obverse. (No Provenance)

13) 1785 M.3.5-B Fine/Very Fine (15). Medium to dark brown field with devices highlighted. -C

HOCH PLATE ?

3.5 B



NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

322 Similar. M. 3.5-B (Rarity 2). Possibly Very Fine for coin. Usual uneven strike on faintly rough, defective planchet which displays sliver flaws (as made, of course) on both sides. Still, one of the best that we have seen, as this variety is generally found only Good to VG.

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NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

7 1785 ~~Bust Facing Right M #3.3-F.3 (R-4) G-4, heavy surface marks, slightly corroded; Bust Facing Right M #3.4-F.2 (R-3) G-4, dark with light scratches~~; Bust Facing Right M #3.5-B (R-2) G-4, dark with heavy surface marks. (Lot of 3 pieces).

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BOWER'S NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2466 Group of 1785 Connecticut coppers. M 3.5-B. F-15. Rarity-4. 139.3 grains. 28.2mm. 160°. Microscopically porous; 1 OF 5 PIECES

NORWEB

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990 #5645

☆ M 3.5-B. Rarity-4.

330 F-15, reverse flawed and gouged. 128.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2309

1 OF 4 PIECES

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1809 1785. Similar types. C. 3-5-B. VG & fine. 2 pcs. .70

2074 1785. ~~C. 1-B, 2-A; 2-A (1);~~ 35 B (4), 32-~~L~~ G. and VG. Some scarce. 9 pcs. .21

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.3.5-B
VERY FINE, DARK

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7-8, 1989

837 1785 Miller 3.5-B. (R-4). Slightly soft at the top obverse and matching date area. Olive green and pale brown toning, well centered. Light old scratches at the left obverse. Very Good, the obverse nearly Fine.

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COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1218 1785 ~~Miller 1-E (R-4). Bust facing right. Good. Numerous facial scratches and one reverse dig; M.3.1-L (R-4). Good; M.3.4-F.2 (2). Good-Very Good, one with facial pinscratches;~~ M.3.5-B. Good. Medium glossy brown, some planchet faults; ~~M.4.1-F.4. "African head." About Good, date not visible. A few planchet imperfections.~~ 6 pieces.

137.50

3.5-B

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COIN' JULY 22, 1992

2596 66.00 1785 M 3.5-B. MBR. R-4. 125.6 gns. Sharpness in places of Very Fine but very porous on both sides. Obverse legend not struck up on left, due to reverse die failure opposite. Full date, however. Diagnostic, re-cut D in INDE not visible but attribution secure based upon position and shape of highest ribbon end (these dies confusingly similar to those of M 4.4-C). The typical grade for this variety is Fine. DARK POROUS WORTH GOOD.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

101 770 240 260 1785 Connecticut coppers, all MBR. M.2-A.4. R-6. Strong Fine but many nicks, lamination on head. 137.0 gns. Dark olive and brown; M.3.3-F.3. R-4. Very Fine/Strong Fine. 145.4 gns. Roughened by flaws, pitted, obverse verdigris; M.3.4-F.1. R-3. Nearly Fine. 133.8 gns. Light golden brown, a bit rough, flaw above head; M.3.5-B. R-4. Fine. 133.9 gns. Brown. Obverse scratched and flawed, reverse rim lamination; M.6.4-I. R-3. About Fine. 128.2 gns. Golden brown. Major types clear, light obverse, little heavier reverse flaws. 5 pieces.

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE NOV 16, 1994

3087 Connecticut copper trio: ☆ 1785 Miller 3.5-B. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20. Rarity-4. 140.1 grains. Die Alignment: 200°. Glossy brown surfaces display a few circulation marks, but none of major significance. A thin, natural planchet flaw runs diagonally across the obverse, but still a pleasing coin ☆ 1787 M 43.1-Y. Draped Bust Left. EF-40 or finer for sharpness. Rarity-2. 146.1 grains. The popular CONNEC variety. Sharply struck and well preserved, but with faint granularity and some obverse fissures mentioned. Slightly off center, affecting the top of FORT on the obverse and INDE on the reverse. Date numerals partially off flan. A nice coin overall ☆ 1788 M-16.1-D. Draped Bust Left. VF-20. Rarity-2. 131.0 grains. Deep brown surfaces display tan toning highlights on both sides. Faint surface scratches on both sides, perhaps in an attempt to remove old black patina. Three decent coins. (Total: 3 pieces)

UNSOLD

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

8 125 150 175 190 1785 MBR coppers. M.3.4-F.1. R-3. Very Good, light striations, reverse rim flawed. 134.7 gns; M.3.4-F.2. R-2. Very Good, olive, granular, small reverse flaw. 120.2 gns. Attribution painted on obverse; M.3.4-F.2. R-2. Very Good, dark gray, very granular. 126.1 gns. Attribution painted on obverse; M.3.5-B. R-4. Fine, flawed, granular, obverse lamination partly peeled off. 145.2 gns; M.3.5-B. R-4. Very Good, light brown, flawed and pitted. 130.2 gns. 5 pieces.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

114. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 3.5-B. Rarity-4. 125.9 grains. Fine, the obverse high in that grade level, the reverse a bit weaker. Full obverse legends, NN a bit weaker than the rest, and decent central design, with some mailing, hair and face details visible. As mentioned, the reverse is a bit weaker, with IN and the first two digits of the date obscured, but the rest of the letters and date visible. Very pleasing dark brown fields with tan devices and legends which give an extremely pleasing two-tone look to the coin; one small striation on either side does not really detract. While not an extremely high grade example of the variety, this is a coin with more than it's share of eye appeal and is nicer than many solid VF's that we have seen! If only all circulated coins could be this nice.....$79

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

70 1785 Connecticut. Miller 3.5-B. Rarity-4. 123.3 grains. Fine, the obverse nearly Choice. Full, bold legends on either side, the date a bit weak but mostly visible. The central design details are a bit flatly struck, as often seen on coinage of this year, though there is significant mailing on the effigy's bust and a full branch in Liberty's hand. Medium brown surfaces, somewhat dull, but free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. In addition, the obverse has just two very small, thin striations, neither distracting; the reverse is completely free of any sort of planchet flaw, quite unusual for an '85, and making for a premium example of the variety.....$69

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER 1994

87. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 3.5-B. Rarity-4. 123.1 grains. Fine or slightly better. Some areas are quite well defined and close to full VF level, while others are more deserving of the grade here assigned. Attractive medium brown planchet with just a few insignificant planchet flaws that are mainly well hidden in the devices and not on the fields of the coin [if they had to be there, that's where you'd want them to be!]. Full obverse legends; the LI of LIB on the reverse is weak, though the rest of the legends and the date are complete. Another 1785 issue that has a lot of eye appeal for the grade—and that's saying something for this date!.....$39

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1991

1.1785 Mailed Bust Right. Miller 3.5-B. 128.9 grains. Very Good. smooth brown surfaces. planchet defect through 8 of date. 50

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990

4.1785 M.3.5-B, 133.5 grains. Choice Very Fine with smooth tan surfaces, but struck from decrepit dies with a loss of detail in the legends, especially on the reverse, though the date is full and sharp. Well centered, no post-striking impairments. 200.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979?

1785 Bust Right, M.3.5-B, (R-2), a nice strong Good, dark brown..15.00.

3.5-B

3.5-K.2
DELETE

Var. 2. Top of I and N nearly on same plane. Base of both E's defective. Last colon distant from date line. Possibly a duplication of Rev. B, with the connecting lines of the cross not showing. 3^5—K^2

Var. 2 of Reverse K is now conceded to be the same as Reverse B.

6.4-K	Canfield and Ryder "conceded" that reverses K.2 and B were actually the same die, thus verifying Miller's suggestion to that effect. (A&C, P. 4). Consequently, 3.5-K.2 is dropped because its equivalent, 3.5-B, is already listed. And Miller's 6.4-K.1 is redesignated 6.4-K because there is now only one variety of reverse K.	3.5-K.2 6.4-K.1

DELETIONS:

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

3.5-K.2 -- Canfield and Ryder confirmed Miller's suggestion that reverses B and K.2 were actually from the same die. The combination 3.5-B was kept, and reverse K.2 was dropped from the listing.

DELETION

3.5-K.2

THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER, MARCH, 1964 P. 26
VOL V, NO. 3

3.5-L

W. H. Breen listed this in 1951 as a new combination of known dies. (Manuscript Annotations to Miller, P. 10, 14, 16). Two specimens located: Private collectors.

3.5-L
DELETE

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

3.5-L -- Although listed in Ned Barnsley's article in *The Colonial Newsletter*, Volume V, No. 3, this die combination has remained unverified. Walter Breen originally noted this combination in the early 1950's, and, two decades later Barnsley knew of two specimens, presumably including the "discovery" coin. Both of those specimens have proven to be worn examples of other known varieties. In 1971 the late Ted Craige suggested dropping this variety and the following year Barnsley deleted it from his listings. Therefore, the variety is being deleted from the roster of known Connecticut copper varieties.

DELETION

3.5-L

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

THE FAMOUS 1785 AFRICAN HEAD

12 **1785. M. 4.1–F.4.** R–1. **Better than Ex. Fine in sharpness,** charcoal–brown with flecks of brick red patina; exceptionally bold impression, showing such unsuspected details as the multiple veins on leaves, stippling on ribbon ends and entrass, all 41 grapes on the three grapevines on shield, etc. **A most extraordinary example, the sharpest we have seen.** Far surpasses the Taxay Plate coin, or lot 165 of the Merkin sale, or those in the Bowers April 1972 list, or the Vlack Plate coin, or the Hoch plate coin, or the "Promised Lands" coin (VF at $310): notably surpasses the Appleton–Mass. Historical Society specimen, lot 37 of Stack's March 1973 sale, at a then reasonable $480. **A truly superlative specimen of this popular type coin. (Photo)** **($400.–up)** $700 —

$700

E.A.C'75

BROEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (A47)

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324 **1785.** "Company for Coining Coppers." M. 4.1–F. 4, the famous and popular **"African Head."** R–1. **Good, some details bolder,** others very weak, parts of AUCTORI and INDE not legible, date barely visible; enough remains that attribution is certain. Average condition for the type. Ex Alan Kessler. **(Pboto)** $35 **($200.–up)**

$35

PINE TREE 'EAC'75' SALE' FEB 15, 1975

EAC'75

324

STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

228 **1785 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 4.1-F.4. 153.5 grains. The popular "African Head" variety, so called because of the obverse bust. Really a superior specimen, with all details of the mail and hair visible on the obverse, and the drapery and grapevines clear on the reverse. There is a tiny edge defect at ten o'clock on the obverse, as made. The date is clear, which it often is not on this variety. Medium brown with some reddish oxidation. **Extremely Fine.** $550 —

300 — 500

JESS PATRICK ROPER

WEAK XF OR COLOR

Lot No. 228

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

523 **1785 African Head** variety. 4.1-F.4 (R-1). **Extremely Fine.** Some cuts around the edge. Exquisite definition of detail, one of the finest known specimens of this popular issue. A prize for the specialist!

70 —

4.1 - F.4

1785 M 4.1-F.4

"African" Head

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

FAIR
XF DETAIL
DULL TRACES OF MINT RED

TAYLOR

$1,870 —

2311 **1785 Connecticut. M 4.1-F.4. Draped Bust Right.** So-called "African Head." 136.3 grains. R-1. AU-50. Exceptionally sharp, about on a par with the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen and far superior to the Garrett coin. **Original mint red** still remains around some letters of the obverse legend, and around the outline of the obverse and reverse effigies. Elsewhere, light golden brown on a fairly smooth flan. Reverse slightly off center to the lower right but LIB present and legible, if weak. Small edge crack on reverse. Reverse shield detail somewhat softer than the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen, otherwise a very close match to it $1,870 —

The "African Head" variety is one of the more common in the series. However, it is usually found in grades of only Good to Very Fine. In Extremely Fine condition the variety is certainly no longer an R-1, but is more like an R-4. In About Uncirculated condition, with traces of mint red, the variety approaches R-6.

1785 Connecticut Miller 4.1-F.4

BOWER'S "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980
RED BOOK PLATE COIN

(See Color Photo)

GARRETT
SEE RED BOOK PLATE

A. TERRANOVA

1338 **1785 Connecticut. Miller 4 1-F.4.** 133.6 grains. Rarity-4. Mailed bust facing right. The ever popular *African Head* variety. **Extremely Fine to AU.** A superb piece which has seen very little actual wear. Sharply struck on a smooth glossy planchet. Well centered with just the very bottom of the numeral 1 off the planchet. A minor planchet defect at the bottom of the D in INDE is mentioned but is not particularly significant. There is very little actual wear on the coin for the three grapevines on the shield are still sharp. A very pleasing chestnut brown color. From the collection of Col. James W. Ellsworth who believed it to be the finest known specimen of this famous variety.

Obtained by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection. OPEN $175 — SOLD $2,750 —

4.1-F.4

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

110 1785 Mailed Bust Right. M.4.1-F.4. The "African Head." Weakly struck at the periphery as often, but date and legends are legible. **Fine.** VG+
$85

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2467 1785 Connecticut. M 4.1-F4. F-15. The 'African Head' variety. Rarity-1. 135.2 grains. 28.2mm. 180°. Medium golden brown iridescence on the obverse. Reverse off center and scratched. *Purchased between 1913-1915.* REV TOO WEAK NORWEB
$165 REV. SCRATCH

SUPERIOR'S "LEE & SHAFER" SEPT 25-27, 1988

1733 **1785 Connecticut. Mailed Bust Right. Miller-4.1-F.4. Rarity-1. Very Good 8.** Attractive rich two-tone color with the devices well detailed. The reverse border shows a few cuts

1 OF 3 PIECES

STACK'S "LAIRD U. PARK" SALE MAY 26, 1976

77 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. **MAILED BUST RIGHT.** The **AFRICAN HEAD** variety. Not a rare coin but one that is difficult to find so perfectly centered and so well struck and with a full date. No planchet defects. All devices and lettering very sharp. Dark brown. EXTREMELY FINE. $290

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

HALL-BRAND OECHSNER

NICE XF HD TYPICALLY WEAKER REVERSE

Lot No. 1026

R. MARTIN COLLECTION SEE COLOR PHOTO

1026 **1785 Miller 4.1-F.4.** Draped bust right. "African Head." 132.6 grains. **Choice Extremely Fine,** struck on a somewhat granular planchet, nearly all of the date on the planchet; softly struck at the top obverse. Pleasing olive and brown toning.
$1,320

From the Virgil Brand Collection; earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

VF(30-35) ALMOST AS NICE AS LOT # 1026

1027 **1785 Miller 4.1-F.4.** Another. "African Head." 144.8 grains. **Very Fine,** fairly well centered, weak at the right sides: all but the lowest part of the 5 in the date visible. Minor planchet granularity as made.
$1,045

STACK'S OECHSNER COLL SEPT 9, 1988

D. MENCHEL

BOWERS "EINSTEIN SALE" JUNE 23, 25, 1986

FAIR

$660

2115 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. *African Head* variety. Very Fine, with sharp striking at the obverse center and with a beautiful medium brown planchet. An outstanding example of one of the most popular issues of the year, an issue which is often seen on a dark and imperfect planchet. A prize for the advanced collector.

PINE TREE "PROMISED LANDS" APR 30, 1974

255 1785. Similar. **"African" Head.** Miller 4.1–F.4. **More or less VF;** little worn, medium greenish–brown with light field porosity and partly highlighted devices. Late impression from reground dies, rendering profile indistinct, letters and numerals thin, leaves smaller, most of globe, shield outlines and dateline effaced, etc. **Unusual, far above average.**
$310

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFER" OCT 21, 1995

DENT

360-360-396 02

263 1785 CONNECTICUT M.4.1-F.4 MBR (R-1) VF20 142.0 gns. The "African Head" type. While a common variety it is always highly in demand for its distinctive obverse hence nice examples remain hard to come by, and this one qualifies for that category. There is very shallow micro pitting on both sides that is quite even and this coin has a smooth look despite it. The color is also a pleasing deep golden olive. This variety always comes with weak peripheral details. The bust on this is sharp and the legends and date are full though weaker at the right of the coin. One linear depression over TO on the obverse and a hidden dig on Liberty's branch arm. A good type coin.

SEE NEW ENG. SALE MARCH 25, 1982 LOT # 754
SEE BOWERS "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17, 1984 # 613

SEE STACK'S STEINBERG SALE' 10-17-79 AT $990

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'MHS'

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SALE" MARCH 29, 1993

37 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. The very popular **African Head.** Fairly well centered and very sharply struck, the 3 grapevines on the shield visible. A remarkably nice type coin, and an even chestnut brown color. Extremely Fine. **PLATE**
480

4.1-F.4

BOWER'S 'LANDMARK COLL' MARCH 30, 1989 UGLY

5100 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.1-F.4. African Head. 1-12. 122.6 grains. Deep brown obverse, brown and black reverse. Reverse scratched. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2311. Softly struck on the right obverse and reverse. $77-

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

4.1-F.4	1785	VF+	R1	African Head
4.1-F.4	1785	F+	R1	African; dark planchet.
4.1-F.4	1785	F-	R1	African: weak strike obv
4.1-F.4	1785	F-	R1	African; weak strike obv.
4.1-F.4	1785	F-/VG	R1	African
4.1-F.4	1785	F/F	R1	Light strike on right side
4.1-F.4	1785	VF/F+	R1	Tapered edge, verdigris
4.1-F.4	1785	VF+/VF+	R1	Very detective planchet

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

4.1-F.4 5593 (7) VERY GOOD 7
9438 (10) VERY GOOD 10
9431 (12) FINE 12
9440 (12) FINE 12

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1810 1785. "Negro head" variety C-4 (1)-F (4). Almost uncirculated. 7.00
V. Rare. Plate.
1811 1785. Same variety. Fine. Rare. 1.50
2079 1785. ~~C. 4-(8)-A (2)~~., also 4 (1)-F (4). ~~G.~~ & VG. 2 pcs. .25 .35

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

14) 1785 M.4.1-F.4 "African Head" Basically Fine. Localized weakness obscuring "CTORI" in obverse legend and parts of "IND" in reverse legend. Dark olive green. (No Provenance)

15) 1785 M.4.1-F.4 "African Head" Very Fine (20) Straight clip from 7-9 o'clock obverse not affecting legends. Medium brown color.*-C

MILLER PLATE

4¹—F¹

HOCH PLATE 4¹

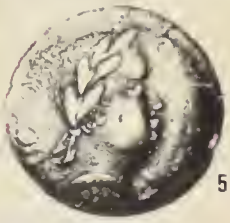
ANS

4 1-F.4 (African Head);

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

53 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right, the "African Head" variety. Rarity 1. 138.8 grains. Fine, perhaps a bit better. Struck on a slightly granular planchet, as are all specimens seen. An attractive example of this extremely popular type coin.....$129

A characteristic of the F.4 reverse die that has never been mentioned before is it's great similarity to reverses E, F.6 G.1, G.2 and M of the same year. All of these reverses show a lack of fine detail found on the other 1785 reverse dies. The E, F.4 and F.6 dies have a thin, scantily-clad representation of Liberty, with no signs of drapery below the waist level. All six dies portray Liberty seated atop a globe, without either latitude or longitude lines. Most importantly, this "family" of dies show Miss Liberty with her legs crossed just slightly above the ankle—a stylistic feature that is not repeated on any other die of the year. It's quite probable that the same hand cut each of these dies, and is, at least strongly possible that this isolated group may have been the first type of Connecticut copper struck.



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HOCH PLATE F¹

STRAIGHT CLIP AT 2-4 O'CLOCK REV.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

54 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.1-F.4, another. Rarity 1. Weight unknown. Good to Very Good, weak at the right periphery. Olive brown toning. "Slabbed" in an Accugrade case, there assigned the grade of "Fair." This piece is of one of only a handfull of colonials to have suffered such indignity.....$49

STANDARD CATALOUGE (1947) 4.1-F.4

SEE CROSBY PLATE

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

8 1785 African Head M #4.1-F.4 (R-1) GOOD-4, dark but with very pleasing surfaces. $55 -

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-4.1-F-4 (R-1) Very Good, worn near edges 60.00

R. HUGHES LIST DEC. 1980

M-4.1-F-4 Very Fine 200.00

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2303

4.1-F.4. So-called "African Head" variety. 138.3 grains. R-1 VG-8. (~~Total: 5 pieces~~)

1 OF 5 PIECES

TAYLOR

4.1-F.4

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.4.1-F.4
FINE TO VERY FINE

NEW NETHERLAND'S 44TH SALE JUNE 23, 1954

43 **Connecticut Cents.** 1785. Bust right; ~~Miller 4¹-D, 5¹-F⁵~~. African head; M. 4¹-F⁴. Very Good, ~~the first two on poor planchets~~, the last slightly mutilated. ~~The second has a completely clear date, and is from the very rare unbroken die~~. 3 Pcs. 4.25

44 1785. African head; another M. 4¹-F⁴, in better condition. ~~Also, 1786. Small mailed bust r. Rev. ET LIB INDE; M. 2¹-A~~. First Fine and mostly clean, but with a very weak date. ~~Last Very Fine (for the piece) and well above average~~. From the Green coll., at $7.50 ~~and $12.50~~. 2 Pcs. 8.00

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

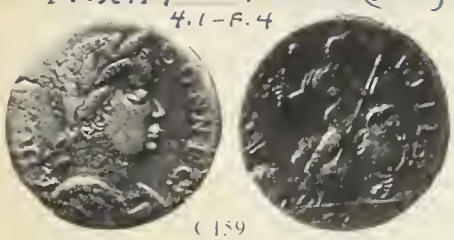
8193

3046 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. African Head. VF-20. Some lightness of impressions at the right obverse border and the corresponding part of the reverse. Medium brown surfaces.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

28. **1785. Miller 4.1-F.4, Breen 741. Rarity-1. The "African Head" variety. 27.5mm. Good to Very Good, weak at the right periphery. Attractive olive brown. "Slabbed" in an Accugrade case, assigned a grade of "Fair" [anyone want to guess how many colonials they had seen—let alone graded—before this?]. Not even the lowet grade colonial deserves this kind of treatment!.....$59**

TAXAY PLATE (1976)
4.1-F.4



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VLACK PLATE (1985)
4.1-F.4

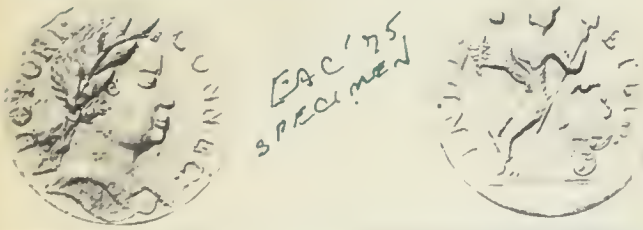
RED BOOK PLATE (1978)

BREEN ENCYLOPEDIA PLATE (1988)

II. UNIDENTIFIED PRIVATE MINT

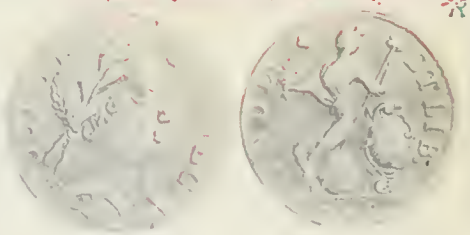
741 1785 "African" head. 2 vars.
Miller 4.1-F.4 (ill.), 4.2-F.6 (same letter punches, similar head, hair brushed back; 2 known? *CNL* 1/73, p. 386). 133–140 grs. = 8.61–9.07 gms., for 52 to the lb. Possibly among coins made for Maj. Eli Leavenworth? Vermont RR 3 (**711**) comes overstruck on former. *CNL* 10/79, p. 701.

SEE EAC '75 SALE LOT #12 AS XF+



EAC '75 SPECIMEN

RED BOOK PLATE (1980)
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION



KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE FEB 20, 1991

126.50

6560 1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-F.4, the so-called African Head 141.1 grains F-12, date inked in the center of the reverse. Softly struck around the peripheries of both sides.

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 10, 1991

3673 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. The "African head." Legends and devices melt into fields without sharp definition, date is faint. Planchet clip at the right does not interfere with CONNEC. or ET LIB:. All vines are clear on Liberty's shield. Deep brown surfaces, lighter devices reminiscent of ancient bronze coins. About Extremely Fine.

396.00

4.1-F.4

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

EX STACK'S 'MH&' SALE 3-29-73 LOT # 37 AT $480 —
OK COLOR
XF 40
VF 30/35 WEAKER REV.

TINY RIM BRUISE
750
900

Lot No. 79

79 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. African Head. Small planchet defect on Liberty's shoulder, and one below it.
$990 Sharp strike, parts of the vines visible. Light to medium brown with glossy surfaces. **Extremely Fine.**

Ex Stack's March, 1973 sale, lot 37 AT $480 —

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7-8, 1989

838 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. The African head. Golden brown with green overtones. A slight bend at the lower
33 right obverse, affecting the tops of ET. Good detail on the main devices, and the legends mostly legible. Minor porosity. Fine.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1218 1785 ~~Miller 1-E (R-4). Bust facing right. Good. Numerous facial scratches~~ and
137.50 ~~one reverse dig; M.3.1-L (R-4). Good; M.3.4-F.2 (2). Good-Very Good, one with facial pinscratches; M.3.5-B. Good. Medium glossy brown, some planchet faults~~; M.4.1-F.4. "African head." About Good, date not visible. A few planchet imperfections. 6 pieces.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1219 1785 M.4.1-F.4. "African head." About Good, no date; ~~M.4.4-C (R-4). Fair, a dig on the lower right obverse; M.5.1-F.5 (R-5). Good, struck on a defective planchet. Some obverse scratches~~. 3 pieces.
71.50

STACK'S N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973

7 1785 ~~Connecticut. Miller 3.3-F.3. (Rarity-4); Miller 3.4-F.2. (Rarity-3)~~; Miller 4.1-
37.50 F.4. (African Head). Fair to Fine. 3 pieces.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

#5645 ☆ M 4.1-F.4. "African Head." Rarity-1. F-15, striated and flawed
330.00 through at 12:00 obverse. Porous. 123.3 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2311. (Total: 4 pieces)

1 OF 4 PIECES

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5647 Quartette of 1785 coppers: ☆ M 4.1-F.4. "African Head" variety.
335.00 Rarity-1. VF-20, digs and gouges. 135.0 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2311

1 OF 4 PIECES

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1980'S

30 1785 Miller-4.1-F.1. "African Head." Very Fine, date off flan 125.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1978?

1785 African Head, M. 4.1-F.4, (R-1), Very Fine details, but unfortunately uniformly porous.....45.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979

1785 Bust Right, M.4.1-F.4, (R-1), the "African Head" type, Fine/Very Good, obverse stronger than reverse as usual, excellent light brown color and surfaces.....65.00

4.1 - F.4

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST DEC, 1989

C136

Stock #		Price
C136	1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. 138.45 grains. The "African head." Sharply struck on a somewhat granular planchet with small reverse defects. There is a bruise at the right obverse between NE, and a tiny cheek mark. The central devices are very strong; all three of the vines on the shield are equally prominent. The central drapery is fully struck up. Medium to deep brown with hints of green. Really an exceptional specimen of this popular type coin. **Choice Extremely Fine.**	750.00

SEE BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL-MAY, 1972 AS AU

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA, 1990

C.208. 1785 Copper: African Head, maker unknown, two vars.,

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990
D. LINNETT

Extraordinary 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4 AFRICAN HEAD Cent

2,145

2388 1785 Cent, Miller 4.1-F.4, Breen-741, "AFRICAN HEAD", ANACS Certified-About Uncirculated. Truly a remarkable and magnificent specimen, being the finest we could locate ever being offered. Finer than the Red Book plate coin, Norweb, Taylor or Garrett specimens. Every detail is exceptionally sharp and clear with only the faintest bit of light friction on the ultra-highpoints keeping this from being called fully Uncirculated. If one considers this friction to be caused by cabinet friction, then certainly this is a Mint State example. All the mailed bust and all surfaces are clean and lustrous with a medium to dark brown coloration. Well centered with a bit of a weak strike above the head and corresponding on the reverse. The strike is so exceptional, that the Connecticut grapevines on the reverse shield are plain and fully visible to the naked eye. Only a couple of insignificant tiches can be located, even under magnification, on this outstanding and impressive specimen. ..... (2500-up)

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

2389 1785 Cent, Miller 4.1-F.4, Breen-741, "AFRICAN HEAD", ANACS Certified-Fine. A pleasing collector coin for the grade, being medium to dark brown in coloration. ..... (200-275)

176

SANDIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

402 1785 CONNECTICUT, M 4.1-F.4, Draped Bust Right, R-1, African Head, About Fine. Some weakness of strike on CONNEC and ETLIB. Medium to dark brown with a few small pinscratches on the reverse shield..... (75-100)

60

BOWERS'G.W. POLIS COLL" JUNE 11, 1991

2007 Quartette of state coppers: ☆ 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. F-15 ☆ ~~1787 Connecticut. M-31.1-gg.1. F-12~~ ☆ ~~1787 Connecticut. M-19-G.4. VG-8, damaged~~ ☆ ~~1788 New Jersey. Maris 67-v. F-15, damaged~~. (Total: 4 pieces)

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

4.1-F.4, "African Head", Fine..... 150.

STACK'S 'L.S. RUDER SALE' SEPT 9, 1987

19 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. "African Head." Very Fine, head very sharp; holed above tip of forehead.

38.50

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

3. 1785 African Head, M.4.1-F.4. Very Fine, medium brown with some surface granularity. Well centered with full date and legends; attribution number in ink in lower right field. Attractive..... 200.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1986

1. 1785 African Head, Miller 4.1-F.4. Very Fine, smooth dark brown surfaces. Well struck, with full legends and 2/3 of the date showing. An edge nick in the date area is the only impairment..... 200.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #79 JUNE, 1983

7. 1785 M 4.1-F.4 AFRICAN HEAD, R-1, Very Fine-25. Weak on reverse periphery as usual, but the head is very sharp. Very nice. $350

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

5. 1785 Miller 4.1-F.1. Very Fine-20, R-1. African Head. Nice dark brown with lighter highlights. Center strong with legends somewhat weak. Date very weak as is common onthese pieces. $250

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

15 1785 African Head. Miller 4.1-F-4; ~~1786 ET LIB INDE. Miller 1-A~~ Very Good. ~~The latter with scores scratching in the field~~ 2 pieces.

121 -

4.1-F.4

STACK'S FIXED LIST NOV, 1990

117

Stock # *Price*

117 **1785** Miller 4.1-F.4. The "African head." Legends and devices melt into fields without sharp definition, date is faint. Planchet clip at the right does not interfere with CONNEC. or ET LIB:. All vines are clear on Liberty's shield. Deep brown surfaces, lighter devices reminiscent of ancient bronze coins. About **Extremely Fine.** $500.00

DELIGHTFUL "AFRICAN HEAD" COPPER

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

WEAK

250-
475-
522 50

Lot No. 1337

HESSBERG
NICE COLOR & PLANCHET
FINE/VERY FINE
DONNY MITUZAS

1337 **1785** Miller 4.1-F.4. 139 grains. "African Head" right, a large-featured, crinkly-haired visage in unusually full strike, exhibiting light trouble-free wear. Light glossy brown. Very Fine.

BOWER'S "FRONTENAC SALE" NOV 20, 1991

326 1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-F.4. "African Head" variety. VF-30. Rarity-1. 153.9 grains. Dark gray-brown, nearly black, with lighter golden brown high points. Clear planchet cutter clip on obverse at 2:30. Die states as Taylor:2311. TOO DARK, CLIP D. MITUZAS

357 50

BOWER'S "FRONTENAC" SALE NOV 20, 1991

327 1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-F.4. "African Head" variety. VF-30. 133.4 grains. Light gray-brown, with areas of pale reddish coloring in the fields. One or two minor rim nicks may be seen, together with some peripheral porosity. Struck from the perfect state of the obverse, the heavily clashed state of the reverse. Struck on a broad 28.8mm flan. WEAK FINE

275 00

BOWER'S 'QUARTETTE SALE' MARCH 26, 1992

1583 1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-F.4. African Head variety. VF-30. Rarity-1. 133.4 grains. Light gray-brown, with areas of pale reddish coloring in the fields. A few scattered rim nicks are seen, along with some peripheral porosity. Struck from the perfect state of the obverse and the heavily clashed state of the reverse, on a broad flan.

154

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #7, 1992 AX EF AT 399 00 LOT 46

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

152 1785 Connecticut copper quartette: ☆ ~~M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-2. 129.4 grains. ET LIB variety, slightly bent~~ ☆ M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-1. 131.1 grains. African Head, some striking weakness at rims. Attractive for the grade ☆ ~~M 4.5-C. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 126.3 grains. Faintly granular surfaces, with central reverse planchet fissures noted for accuracy~~ ☆ ~~M 6.4-L. VG-8. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity-3. 120.7 grains. From advanced obverse state, with small die break connecting effigy's shoulder to A in AUCTOR~~I. (Total: 4 pieces)

208 00

SEE KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE 7/13/92 4 CSCC (PITUT)

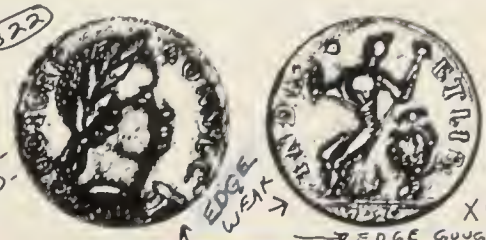
BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

151 Another 1785 Connecticut copper trio: ☆ ~~M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-2. 126.9 grains. ET LIB variety~~ ☆ M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. 122.7 grains. African Head variety. Some striking weakness at the peripheries, lightly granular surfaces ☆ ~~M 5-F.5. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-4. 151.1 grains. From an early obverse state, with crack just beginning at effigy's bust. Planchet crack and fissure at 7:00 on obverse; through to reverse in corresponding position as struck~~. (Total: 3 pieces)

220 00 PK

BOWER'S 'FRONTENAC SALE' NOV 20, 1991

Attractive "African Head" Variety



322

535-
850-

EDGE WEAK

OK, XF

XF OK

EDGE GOUGE MINOR

325 1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-F.4. "African Head" variety. EF-45 to AU-50. Rarity-1. 150.4 grains. Pleasing, rich golden brown on both sides. Obverse surfaces somewhat glossy and mostly smooth; reverse with some roughness, particularly on the globe and in left field. About as sharp as the Taylor coin, but with much nicer eye appeal. Tiny obverse edge gouge at 5:45. Die states as Taylor:2311.

935

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF COLL' JULY 22, 1992

*2597 **1785 M 4.1-F.4.** MBR. So called "African Head" variety. R-1. 145.2 grns. **Extremely Fine**, and ~~choice~~ where struck up. Soft around the peripheries of both sides. Even orange tan. Both surfaces glossy, obverse microscopically granular, reverse more so. Two hidden obverse rim nicks. This variety is commonly found in Very Fine condition, infrequently in Extremely Fine grade. Not as sharp as Oechsner:1026 but less granular. States equivalent to Taylor:2311. VF OVERALL WEAK

1,017 50

VF

OVERALL WEAK

2597

BOWER'S 'QUARTTE SALE' MARCH 26, 1992

50-
150-

1582 1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-F.4. African Head variety. VF-30. Rarity-1. 134.4 grains. A medium tan specimen with bold central details, although some faintness in design is noted at the rims on the obverse and reverse. Low magnification reveals faint, uniformly porous surfaces. Popular and desirable.

165

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

150 Trio of 1785 Connecticut coppers: ☆ ~~M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-2. 148.3 grains. ET LIB variety~~ ☆ M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, for sharpness. Rarity-1. 135.6 grains. African Head variety. Porous, patinated surfaces ☆ ~~M 6.4-L. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-2. 123.8 grains. Light, uniformly porous surfaces, weakly struck at the central reverse details, as often seen~~. (Total: 3 pieces)

132 00

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 22, 1992

137 50

Lot No. 3121

TOO DARK

3121 **1785** Miller 4.1-F.4. African head. Fine, the head and armor clear, the reverse devices weakly struck as is the date. Reddish brown toning.

4.1-F.4

1785 4.1-F.4 ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION

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① STACK'S OECHSNER 9/9/88 # 1026 - DR HALL COLLECTION CHOICE XF CONDITION CENSUS

② KAGINS SALE 2/2/84 # 1009 - BOWERS RCR #12 SEPT, 1971 - NORMAN BRYANT. XF RED BOOK PLATE 47 EDITION

③ STACK "FOREMAN SALE 5/4/89 # 1204 VERY FINE

1785 4.1-F.4 WHT. 133.6 GR

D. SONDERMAN JAN, 1979 - R. MARTIN - D. MITUZAK 3/3/87 FINE(12). LIGHT BROWN COLOR

STACK' SALE DEC 1-2, 1993

815 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.1-F.4.** Mailed Bust Right. The "African Head" variety. Rarity 1. Very Fine/Extremely Fine. 136.4 gns. Somewhat mottled deep reddish brown. Surfaces granular, rough in places, some letters very soft, date about half legible.

200 / 325 / 357.5

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE NOV 10, 1993

1956 **1785 Connecticut copper.** Miller 4.1-F.4. "African Head" variety. Very Fine sharpness, light olive on roughened surfaces with several reverse rim flaws.

225

ROSA AMERICANA FPLHC SPRING, 1992

Choice "African Head"

20 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-F.4, the "African Head" variety Rarity-1. 152.1 grains Extremely Fine. Sharply struck with all of the central details razor sharp including a trace of the grapevines on the reverse shield The peripheral strike which normally comes quite weak, is also very strong, with full legends Due to the centering of the reverse die, the bottom half of the date is slightly off the planchet The coin is an even ebony color, with some original mint gloss still present. There is one small rim nick at the numeral 8 of the date, and one small planchet clip at K-7 on the obverse, which barely touches the dentils on the reverse, and affects no legends or design details. An extremely choice example of one of the most popular type coins in the entire Connecticut series, much nicer than the VF/XF Oechsner coin that brought $1320, or the VF in the same collection that brought $1045.? This example, much finer than either of those specimens, is available at less than half of the price! $399

This reverse is stylistically related to reverses E F 6, G 1, G 2 and H, and, it is possible that these dies (along with the obverses that were paired with them) were cut by the same hand, and, may represent some of the first Connecticut coppers actually struck

M.R.R.C.A. EAC'91 "MIDNIGHT SALE" APRIL 28, 1991

Lot 2: 1785 Connecticuts, Miller 4.1-F.4 [2 pieces]. Africans of the Tribal Colors. 1) Some details nearly Fine, most weaker, overall VG/G, edge dents, porous. 2) Fair; pitted, small planchet defect [split between NE]. **20/45, Rock**

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPLH 5 SUMMER 1991

15. 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4, the "African Head" variety. Very Good or so, most legends and date are visible; evenly rough, as often found. From the famous--or infamous--1991 1/2 EAC sale [a.k.a. "The Midnight Sale"] by Mike Ringo Rare Coin Auctions, accompanied by a copy of the original lot ticket penned by none other than Walter Breen! A popular type coin, enhanced by its "noteworthy" pedigree.? $99

MIKE RINGO LIST, OCT, 1987

1. **1785 African Head, Miller 4.1-F.4. Very Fine, dark brown toning with tan highlights, generally smooth surfaces with some scattered light marks and two minor edge defects. Full date and legends..... 275.00**

MIKE RINGO LIST NOV, 1986

1785 African Head, M.4.1-F.4. Very Fine, strong central details but somewhat weakly struck in the date and legends, as is typical for this variety. Clean dark brown surfaces with no impairments..... 225.00

4.1-F.4

BOWER'S "SPECIAL COIN LETTER, JAN, 1981

1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.1-F.4. The famous African head. Strong VF condition, charcoal patina, lighter on the relief areas, usual weak impression at rims, although all legends are readable Reverse struck slightly off-center towards 7.00 with the result that most of the date is off the flan Small surface pit inside B of LIB, otherwise attractive surfaces free of defects Extremely popular naked eye type coin A much less attractive example has just sold for $600 in our December auction sale A distinctly finer piece was in the 1975 EAC sale, at $700, but that coin would bring at least $2000 if offered today This sharp piece is 795.00

Note: This variety is thought to have been struck in New Haven, Connecticut, from dies by Abel Buel. The distinctive Negroid features are unlike any other piece in the series, and are responsible for the popularity of the variety as a type coin. In fact, this variety was recognized as distinctive as far back as the 1860s, and until about 50 years ago, was always called the "Negro Head."

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

*926 80 140 154 **1785 M.4.1-F.4. MBR.** "African Head" variety. Rarity 1. Sharpness of Very Fine. 136.7 gns. Brown fields, lighter high points. Many tiny nicks on both sides. Obverse rim flaw at 1:00, mirrored on reverse. Perfect die states.

(926)

FAN MAIL BID SALE - MARCH 18, 1995

74 **1785 CT Copper, Miller 4.1-F.4, the so-called "African Head." Very Good.** Rarity 1. Well worn but still attractive for the grade. Most of the details on the all-important head are evident on the obverse; the date area is worn smooth on the reverse. . **(100-150)**

BOWER'S "BRIDGETON SALE" DEC 1-2, 1980

$600

5 1785 Connecticut copper. The popular *African Head*. Miller 4-F.4. More or less VF-20, strong at centers, weak at borders, as struck. Light porosity, especially at borders, and signs of some tooling around head of seated figure. Popular type, listed in the *Guide Book* at $200 in VF, but we believe this will sell for twice that figure. $600.00

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) OCT 14-15, 1988

1235 **1785 CONNECTICUT, Miller 4-F.4, African Head, Choice Very Fine.** Lovely smooth light brown surfaces enhance the appeal of this important variety. Some typical weakness of the upper left edge and corresponding on the reverse at INDE. A wonderful major type..... (500-650)

DENT

WHT. 140.2 GRAINS

F/VF

$176 BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

613 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. African Head variety. Very Fine. Minutely granular surfaces. Tiny planchet flaw at left obverse. Far, far above average. An outstanding specimen of this distinctive early type. EX. NEW ENG. SALE 3/25/82 LOT # 754

D. LINNETT (COIN WORLD) MAY 20, 1981

SEE McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CHGRIFFEE"

Conn. 1 cent 1785, "African Head", M 4.1-F.4 Very Fine and extremely pleasing Has full date $575.00 OCT 21, 1995 LOT # 263 (PLATE)

BOWER'S "L. HEWITT SALE" NOV 14, 1984

2736 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. African Head variety. Very Fine to Extremely Fine from the standpoint of wear, but with lightly porous surfaces. Quite sharp at the center of the obverse and the corresponding part of the reverse. Light olive and brown coloration. An attractive specimen of one of the most famous early Connecticut issues. 143

BOWER'S "L. HEWITT SALE" NOV 14, 1984

2737 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4 as preceding. African Head. Fine. 99 Dark brown surfaces. Another nice representative of this issue.

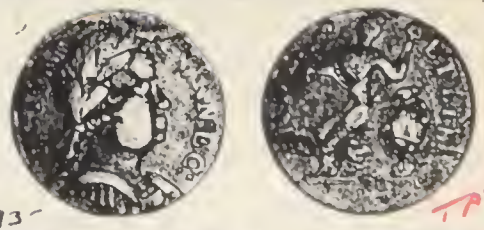
BOWER'S RCRUST JAN, 1985

1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-8.4 *African Head* variety. Very Fine. Some lightness of impression, as made, at the extreme outside border on the right and on the corresponding part of the reverse. Excellent central detail. A far above average specimen 395.00

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE # 2 AUG, 1985

212. 1785 MAILED BUST RIGHT. Miller 4.1-F.4. (R-1). About Good+. The bust is sharp but the surfaces show corrosion and heavy wear. $35

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 26-28, 1987



TAYLOR

$193

3046 **1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. African Head. VF-20.** Some lightness of impressions at the right obverse border and the corresponding part of the reverse. Medium brown surfaces.

4.1 - F.4

HERITAGE SALE DEC 16-18, 1983

16 1785 Connecticut EXTREMELY FINE (45+) Miller 4.1-F.4. (R-1). The celebrated "African Head". Fairly deep olive-brown with nicely contrasted highlighting. A most extraordinary strike with full details on the obverse and much of the reverse; the only weak area on the coin is the date which, unfortunately, is indistinct. A simply beautiful coin which is the *second finest known to us* trailing only the Garrett III: 1338/Ellsworth coin (at $2,250) and narrowly eclipsing the 1975 EAC: 12 coin. Of extreme importance to the Connecticut specialist or the Colonial Type Collector. (see color photo)

HERITAGE SALE AUG 11-14, 1983

1102 1785 Connecticut VERY FINE (20) Miller 4.1-F.4. (R-1). The famous "African Head." Two tone olive-brown with the high spots beautifully contrasted by the deeper fields. Somewhat unevenly struck with the centers very sharp and the peripheries (especially the obverse) a bit weak. Really an exceptional example of this much loved type coin.

187 ✓4

BOWER'S "M. ROTHERT COLL" NOV 16-17, 1973

646 ~~Connecticut coppers. An interesting grouping, from the Rothert Collection which contains several distinctive varieties: 1785 African head (Miller's variety 4.1-F.1). VF-EF, some old marks; 1787 Horned bust. Miller 4.1. Late die state with horn feature very prominent. Very Fine; 1787 Miller 14.H. Variety with pheons (arrows) at date and legends. Nice Very Fine. Interesting coin!; 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 32.7-X.1. Rarity 5. Attractive Very Fine, with all features sharply and prominently defined; 1787 Draped bust left. Miller 33.34-W.2. Rarity 5. Very Fine. Diagonal die break bisects reverse from colon after INDE to colon after ETLIB:. A very choice grouping which should attract considerable attention from specialists.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

$150

STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7-8, 1979

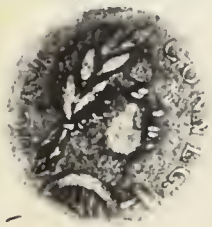
525 1785 ~~A lot of three varieties, all Mailed Bust Right. M.3.1-L (R-4). Very Fine, planchet defect at the rim, and CTOR incused on the reverse; M.4.1-F.4 (R-1), the "African Head." Good, date missing; M.5-1.5 (R-5). Fine, some obverse scratches.~~ 3 pieces. $160 —

160 —

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1961

1788 CONNECTICUT M.4-F-4 African Head Choice EF-45/40 ..... 2,000.00

KAGIN'S 332ND SALE FEB 2-4, 1984



SEE COLOR PHOTO RED BOOK PLATE COIN

451 —

R. MARTIN

1009 1785 M.4-F4 African Head. EF-40 ✓ obverse a bit sharper than reverse, rare so choice

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971

1785 African Head variety. 4.1-F.4 (R-1). F-VF $69.00; Extremely Fine, just about a match for the Guidebook plate coin (sold by us two years ago) 195.00

CROSBY PLATE (1875)

4.1-F.4

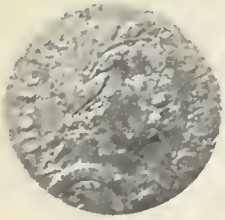
SEE STANDARD CATALOGUE PLATE

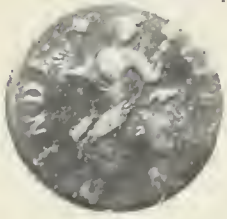
SEE STACK'S FIXED LIST DEC, 1989

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 African head variety. 4.1-F.4. The two specimens, a F-VF and an EF, in our *Review* No. 12 sold instantly - and we could have sold more if we had them. Here's another chance! Abt. Fine $45.00; Extremely Fine, a coin which has seen very little actual circulation $195.00; AU, a needle-sharp coin well struck up in all but a few areas. Far, far superior to any recent offering! Telephone collect for this one 395.00

DOWNIE-LEPCZYK SALE #78 DEC 16, 1987





1571 1785. Connecticut. African Head. Details of a strong VG scattered areas of lt porosity. $48.50

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #4 MARCH, 1970

1785 Connecticut. African head variety. Good $14.00; Overall Extremely Fine, very unusual condition for this popular variety. This identical specimen we offer *is the Guidebook plate coin* and is pictured on page 27 of that reference. A finer specimen you'll not find easily! R.C.R. #4. MARCH, 1970 ..... 149.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE MARCH 31, 1979

4.1-F.4

77 1785 Connecticut Copper, African Head. EXTREMELY FINE. 45, bordering on AU. Uneven strike, date unreadable, AUCTORI weak. Light porosity, but with very attractive medium brown planchet. (P. 37 of Guide Book) 130.00

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN 1992

46. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-F.4, another. 125.9 grains. Overall Very Good or so, quite weak at the peripheries, but, stronger in the central areas; only traces of the legends are visible on either side. Medium brown, the obverse with a number of light pockmarks, the reverse cleaner. An inexpensive example of this popular type $69

4.1-F.4

SEE STACK'S "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1988 LOT# 226

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS SALE" NOV 11, 1987

247.50

Nice "African Head" Variety

3012 1785 Connecticut. M 4.1-F.4. "The African Head" variety. Rarity-1 EF-40, dark. Old attribution number painted in left obverse field. Fairly smooth surfaces, just a few touches of verdigris. An immediately recognizable variety, and so a "type" in the series. *From our sale of April 1983, lot 1548, earlier from Lester Merkin's sale of October 1973.* 247.50

BOWER'S "CONN. HIST. SOC." APR 9, 1983

1548 1785 Connecticut *African Head* variety. Miller 4.1-F.4.

$908

From an auction sale held by Lester Merkin, New York City, on Hallowe'en 1973 (actually, the catalogue cover states October 31). Described as follows nearly a decade ago:

"Extremely Fine. All details clear. The reverse very slightly off center. The very bottom of the date about one-half off the planchet. Some raised green corrosion under the chin, etc. Not rare as a variety but very difficult to find so nice. An appealing warm dark brown . . ." $908 —

H. RISCIGNO

With ink inscription in white at the left obverse, characteristic of the Hall Collection coins. This inscription could be removed by the application of acetone or a solvent, and the surface would not be affected, but to do so would strip the coin of an interesting part of its history.

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

126 — 1785 Miller 4.1–F.4. EF. The very popular **"AFRICAN HEAD"** variety. All details clear. The reverse very slightly off center, the very bottom of date about ½ off the planchet. Some raised green corrosion under the chin etc. Not rare as a variety but very difficult to find so nice. An appealing warm dark brown. (PDV).

115

BOWER'S "W.A. BARTLETT SALE" NOV 30, 1979

2093 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. The distinctive *African Head.* VF-20, chocolate brown with choice surfaces. Attribution inked in right obverse field. Areas of weak strike, date not visible. Far above average for this extremely popular type.

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STACK'S "1976 ANA SALE" AUG 24, 1976

49 ~~1785 and 1787 Lot of four major types:~~ 1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. The African head. An excellent coin but marred by a tiny hole through the center; ~~1787 Miller 4-L (scratches and dents). The early state of the horned bust with the break just starting and appearing only as a crescent under the chin, 1787 Miller 6.1-M. Laughing head; 1787 Miller 14-H. The variety with phoons on either side of the date. A nice little group.~~ VERY GOOD TO FINE. 4 pieces. 60.00

60

KAGIN'S 346TH SALE FEB 4-6, 1988

2005 1785 Connecticut, VG-8. Miller 4.1-F.4. The popular African head with nice medium brown color and the sharpness of Fine. The obverse shows a couple areas of roughness as made but the surfaces are otherwise even.

L. MERKIN SALE FEB 12, 1972

8 — 1785 African head. M.4¹–F⁴. In terms of actual wear, almost VF. Struck on an irregular copper fragment rather than a normal round planchet. UC and DE off flan. Far above average for any 1785; rare grade.

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

166 1785 African Head of "Negro" Head, 4¹ F¹ (R¹). Nice light brown. Very Fine.

$30

STACK'S SALE APRIL 11, 12, 1978

1785 4.1-F.4

13 1785 African Head. Boldly struck in high relief. Extremely Fine, olive brown and struck on a very nice planchet. Very scarce in this condition.

380

OK, GOOD COLOR
WHT. 150-45 GRAINS

R. MARTIN 1983 —
D. MITUZAS 1982

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$275

SPINK & SON "CARNEGIE MUSEUM" MARCH 24, 1983

391 Connecticut 1785 Copper. African head (Miller 4.1-F.4). Very fine

18. 1785, "AFRICAN HEAD" - Miller 4-1, F-4. Weakly struck as always, but overall very fine HARMER ROOKE JAN 11, 1981 . . . $175

RED BOOK PLATE COIN (1987)
4.1-F.4

SEE GARRETT LOT# 1338
OCT 1, 1980

4.1-F.4

STACK'S T.H. ALLEN SALE FEB 4, 1977

1785 Miller 4.1-F.4. The African head. The head is sharply struck, most of the legend is somewhat weak. The reverse is slightly off center. Extremely Fine. $140

STACK'S "N. BRYANT" FEB 2, 1973

2 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. The African Head. Extremely Fine. The head is sharply struck. Most of the legend is somewhat weak. The reverse is slightly off-center. Ex Richardson. $170

STACK'S SALE MAY 23, 1974

23 **1785 Connecticut.** Miller 4.1-F.4. **The African Head.** Perfectly centered, but weakly struck on right side. Very Fine. $120

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986

1331 1785 M.4.1-F.4 (R-1). "African Head." Very Good, sharp portrait, weak legends and some planchet damage. 55

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 4 SPRING, 1991 LOT# 27 (PLATE) AT $269

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MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1108. 1785-Miller 4.1-F.4. Rarity 1. Fine. A nice, brown example of the scarce and popular "African Head" variety. 141.0 grains.

COIN GALLERIES - JUNE 5, 1980 SALE

1428 1785 Connecticut, M.4.1-F.4, (R-1). "African Head" variety. Very Fine, most of date off the planchet.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN, 1992.
EX BOWERS' SOMERSET SALE MAY 29, 1992 LOT #152 AS F-12

A CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THE POPULAR "AFRICAN HEAD" VARIETY

10 OF 2 PIECES AT $20F

FINE 12

45. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-F.4, the "African Head" variety. Rarity-1. 131.1 grains. ~~Extremely Fine~~ and, as typical for the variety, sharper in the central areas than on the peripheries; still, the present example does possess stronger legends and date than usually seen. The central devices are sharp, and there is even a trace of the grapevines on the reverse shield. Attractive medium brown color, completely free of any sort of defect or damage, making this a perfect example of this extremely popular variety. Nicer than the example on our last list that sold quickly at $399, as well as the VF/XF Oechsner coin that brought $1320 and the VF in the same sale that realized an amazing $1045! The Picker coin in the recently completed Coin Galleries sale, a comparable EF, brought $1045—how can you go wrong with this example, especially when it is priced at nearly one third of that specimen?.....$399

SEE KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992 LOT # 686 (PHOTO)

HIM, INC SALE, JULY 31, 1983

CONNECTICUT

571 1785. "African Head" M.4.1-F.4. VF+. (Photo) Very well centered, detail on devices about as sharp as Red Book plate piece, light brown with some darker areas, date weak as usual, overall a pleasing specimen. $170

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

$290 SEE H.IM. INC SALE 7-31-83 #571

6511 **1785 Connecticut copper. M.4.1-F4. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20,** perhaps slightly finer. Rarity-1. 146.8 grains. **African Head** variety. A pleasing deep golden tan specimen of this readily identifiable issue, with very faint surface porosity noted for accuracy. Some striking weakness is seen at the rims, but good central detail is noted (see photo). A nice Connecticut copper that should please the discriminating buyer.

495-
575

Lot No. 1999

STACK'S SALE 'APRIL 27-30, 1988

1999 **1785 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 4.1-F.4. The popular "African Head." An exceptional example of the type. The obverse bold, the reverse weaker but only because of the strike. Even medium brown. **Extremely Fine.** $632.50

STACK'S "FOREMAN SALE" MAY 4, 1989 WHT. 147.3 GRAINS TO R. MARTIN

1204 1785 Mailed bust right. Miller 4.1-F.4. The "African Head." The reverse is a bit off-center toward the upper left, not affecting any letters and insuring a full date. The obverse is fairly well centered, with minor weakness at CONN due to planchet curvature where the reverse was off the die. Medium olive brown with nice surfaces. **Very Fine** and quite attractive. $253 GOOD COLOR REV. POROSITY SEE COLOR PHOTO

HENRY GARRETT LIST #, SPRING, 1982

1785 African Head, Good..... 30.00

PAUL KAGIN LIST APRIL, 1984

1785 Copper, African head M.4.1-F.4 Very good 25.00

ROSA AMERICANA EPL# 8 SPRING 1993

46 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-F.4, the popular "African Head" variety 134.5 grains Very Good to Fine, generally well struck central devices, the peripheries a bit weaker, though the majority of the legends are visible, the date is indistinct. Clean, darker brown planchet, free of defect, and quite attractive for the grade Inexpensive at only $89

Interestingly enough, many of the counterfeit or unauthorized state coppers [African Head CT, Britannia variety VT and the "Camel Head" NJ coppers (Maris 56-n especially)] are some of the most commonly-seen of all colonial coins, suggesting that the original mintages must have been quite large, and that the counterfeiters managed to get more use out of a pair of dies than the authorized minters did! Perhaps minting technology was advanced by the contributions of these counterfeiters—isn't Yankee ingenuity wonderful?

4.1-F.4

CV McCAWLEY F.P.L.# 51 SEPT/OCT, 1996

17865 CT M.4.1-F.4 F/VF (F15) $ 175.00

The distinctive "African Head" variety. A lovely light brown, both sides highly reflective though lightly porous.

VERMONT Ryder 3 STRUCK OVER 1785 CONNECTICUT African Head (TN-87)

●● from William T. Anton, Jr.; Lodi, New Jersey

The photograph at the left is an especially interesting overstrike of a 1785 Vermont Ryder 3 (Bressett 2-B) over a 1785 Connecticut 4.1-F.4 -- one of the "African Heads".

The significance of this discovery lies in the fact that the Connecticut "African Heads" of 1785, varieties 4.1-F.4, 4.2-F.6 and 6.5-M, are stylistically different in obverse design from all other Connecticut varieties. A fact that leaves their relationship with other Connecticut varieties in question both as to origin and actual date of manufacture.

So far as we know today, there is no reason to suspect that the 1785 Vermont Ryder 3 specimens were struck at any other time than the 1785 era. Accordingly, the use of a 1785 "African Head" planchet with Ryder 3 dies makes a strong case for stating that the 1785 "African Head" specimens were, in fact, manufactured and distributed in the year 1785, and not manufactured at some later time

The photographs are enlarged approximately 2.5X in order to make as much detail as possible visible in the final print. It is always difficult to obtain a good photograph of an undertype and this one was no exception especially since the specimen exhibited considerable wear.

A great deal of overstriking took place during 1787 and 1788 but the appearance of a 1785 Vermont struck over a 1785 Connecticut is, we believe, a bit unusual. Data from our Patrons regarding similiar early date overstrikes will be appreciated.

4.1-F.4

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(4) NEGRO HEAD, Hair Brushed Downward, Obverse 4.1 of 1785

(5) NEGRO HEAD, Hair Brushed Backward, Obverse 4.2 of 1785

Crosby in 1875 nicknamed one of his three varieties of Obverse 4's, "African Head, a large head with wreath of six leaves." In 1920 Miller differentiated two varieties of African Heads, and described them as follows: "Obv. 4.1, Hair brushed downward. The usual variety of the Negro Head. Obv. 4.2, Hair brushed back. The rare variety of the Negro Head." Two 1787 dies had previously been designated by this same nickname, but fortunately it was not continued, so no conflict in terminology occurs. In 1859 Dickeson had said that his No. 10 of 1787, consisting of two varieties, was extremely rare, "being familiarly known as the Africanus or negro head." It is now impossible to attribute these dies because their legend punctuation recorded by Dickeson is incorrect. Dickeson said there was still another 1787 die, No. 84, which resembled a negro's visage, but here again it cannot be attributed from the legend punctuation he gives for it. He said the die is "Very curious in the representation of the hair, which resembles the negro's, hence called Woolly Head." Dickeson also stated that his No. 26 of 1788 "may be determined by the large head, irregular features, and eyes and lips protruding like a negro's. The laurel leaf, forming the wreath, is very large, and the hair is indicated by a series of oblong dots." Fortunately, the nickname Negro Head did not become attached to any of Dickeson's 1787 or 1788 dies, because Crosby used it later for 1785, a designation that has remained well established for the past hundred years.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER SERIAL NO. 74 SEPT, 1986
VOL 26, NO. 3 P. 52.

Figure 3: 1785 African Head, probably from C.C.C. Other styles exist; illustrated is Miller 4.1-F.4, 131.3 grains.

4.1-F.4

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992

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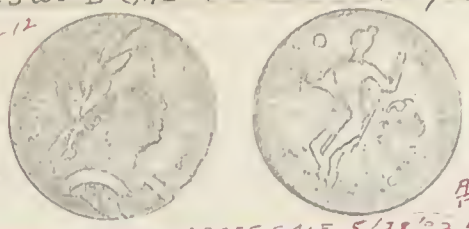

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #7 1992 #45

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SEE BOWER'S SUMMERSET SALE 5/28/92 #152

6866 1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. EF-40. Rarity-1. 131.1 grains. The popular African Head variety. Typical for the variety, well defined at the centers and soft at the peripheral legends. Attractive medium brown surfaces exhibit areas of microscopic porosity, otherwise virtually mark-free. A pleasing specimen of one of the most popular varieties in the entire Connecticut copper series.

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 15, 1995

Lot No. 9

$935.00

9 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4. African Head. Choice Extremely Fine or better. 145.1 grains. A remarkably attractive, smooth olive-brown example of this famous variety, the reverse a trifle weaker than the boldly impressed obverse, though two vines on Liberty's shield are distinct.

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3088 1785 M 4.1-F.4. African Head. VG-10. Rarity-1. 153.7 grains. Sharp at the centers, with peripheral weakness, not unusual for this die combination. Areas of faint porosity seen at the rims.

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3180 1785 M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-1. 123.4 grains. The popular African Head variety. Decent central design detail, but weak behind the obverse effigy's head, and at the corresponding spot (INDE) on the reverse. Microscopically porous dark olive surfaces.

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BOWERS M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3181 A selection of Connecticut coppers, including several popular varieties: ☆ 1785 M 4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. G-6 to VG-8. Rarity-1. 122.4 grains. A well-worn (but still pleasing) example of the African Head variety. Deep tan surfaces ☆ 1 OF 7 PIECES

192.50

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

*104 1785 M.4.1-F.4. MBR. The "Hercules Head" variety. R-1. Very Fine, or so. 132.4 gns. Dark olive brown, surfaces a bit granular, reverse rim flaw at 1:00 (obverse rim bevelled opposite). Legends soft at right but central types clear. A good type specimen.

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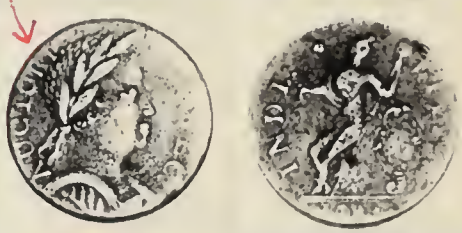

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STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

11 1785 M.4.1-F.4. MBR. "African Head" variety. R-1. Another. Very Fine, light reverse scratches, rim flaws. 150.6 gns. Good olive color, fairly decent surfaces. Perfect die states. R. RETZ

150 270

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

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Lot No. 28

ABT XF LIGHT GRANULARITY

28 1785 M.4.1-F.4. MBR. African Head variety. R-1. Extremely Fine, a high grade for this common variety. 145.7 gns. Overall, olive-brown with an olive-green tinge. Surfaces are smooth and hard save for a patch of granularity in the upper right obverse field, which looks like an old area of verdigris. A tiny dig above the effigy's ear, otherwise no other marks requiring special notice here. This is a good example for a moderately advanced variety collector who is also quality conscious. Usual, perfect, die states.

EAN AUCTION (LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996

Lovely "African Head" Connecticut Copper

POROSITY

39 1785 CT Copper. Miller 4.1-F.4. "African Head". Choice Extremely Fine. 130.8 grains. Rarity 1. Lustrous brown surfaces with some reddish highlighting on the obverse. A very choice example of this popular variety, free of problems, and only very lightly worn on both sides. Struck on a nice, round planchet, with sharp rims on the obverse and rounded rims on the reverse. The date is slightly off the planchet and because of the nature of the rims, only the tops of the date are visible. Both sides show plenty of detail, and the overall quality compares favorably with the impressive AU-50 Taylor coin (Lot 2311). A great coin for the advanced variety collector ..... (1,500-1,700)

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #11 SPRING 1996 LOT #100
McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

326 49.50 TWO CONNECTICUT COPPERS. 1785 AFRICAN HEAD M.4.1-F.4 (R1) AG2. 140.3 gns. Fair, but identifiable. A counterfeit that was probably in circulation at least until the Truman administration. ~~With 1787 HORNED BUST MILLER 4-L R-1 VG10. 132.4 gns. Perhaps fine, but some minor pitting. Even brown. Attributed to Mould of Morristown. Early die state, the horn a small disconnected break hanging below the chin. Two popular type coins.~~ 1 OF 2

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

90 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-F.4, a third. 126.0 grains. Details of Very Good or so, but extremely weakly struck, with just the final C of CONNEC and ET on the reverse being the only legends visible. Medium brown, some obverse pitting, the reverse quite clean. An interesting example that was originally purchased as a "counterfeit British halfpenny" from a dealer that should have known better! $29

4.1 - F.4

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

27. 1785. Miller 4.1-F.4, Breen 741. Rarity-1. The first "African Head" variety. 141.1 grains. Fine to Very Fine, the usual soft peripheral strike causing some weakness at areas of the legends and date [though everything is complete]; the central details are sharp and strong, with full face and hair detail and almost half of the grapevines on the reverse shield. The date "1786" [sic] has been written in black ink on the reverse by some early collector [and is easily removable with acetone, if desired]. A choice example of what is probably the most popular type coin in the entire Connecticut coppers series [we've had more requests for this variety than any other], and sure to be of interest at only. (PLATE).....$269

The F.4 reverse is quite similar to reverses E, F.6, G.1, G.2 and M of 1785 [reverse E is thought to be a recutting of reverse G.2]. All of these dies show a lack of fine detail found on the other 1785 reverses. E, F.4 and F.6 all portray a scantily-clad representation of Liberty, with no sign of drapery below the waist level. All six of these dies portray Liberty seated atop a globe without either latitude or longitude lines. Most importantly, this "family" of dies show Ms. Liberty with her legs crossed just slightly above the ankle—a stylistic feature that is not repeated on any other die of the year. It's quite probable that the same hand cut each of these dies, and is at least strongly possible that this isolated group may have been the first type of Connecticut copper struck.

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SEE MID AMERICA 1986 G.N.A. SALE MAY 24, 1986 LOT#1108 AT $90.00

BOWER'S "ROSSI & WILSON" MAY 30, 1997

36 825 1785 Connecticut copper. African Head variety, Mailed Bust Right. M 4.1-F.4. EF-40. Sharper at the centers, typical for the variety, although the peripheries of this specimen are sharper than usually seen, displaying full legends and date. A plentiful issue whose popularity is retained due to its importance as a distinct type in the Connecticut copper series.

Weight: 147.7 grains. Diameter: 1.116 inches.

BOWER'S 'HALPERN SALE' MARCH 24, 1985

3335 Selection of Connecticut coppers, including several popular varieties: ☆ 1785 African Head. M 4.1-F.4. G-6 to VG-8. Rarity-1. 122.4 grains. Typical weakness at rims. Deep tan surfaces ☆

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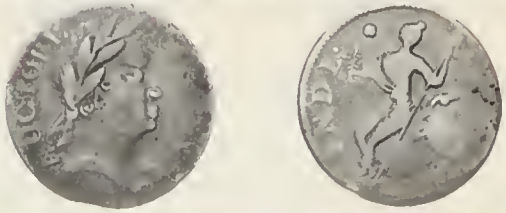
EAN AUCTIONS (DANA LINETT) NOV 16, 1996



43 1785 CT Copper, "African Head", Fine. 127.8 grains. Miller 4.1-F.4, Rarity 1. Deep olive brown in color, with reasonably nice surfaces for the grade. The African Head is nice and clean, with good detailing, but CONNEC is illegible, as is ET LIB on the exact opposite side of the coin (we suspect out of parallel dies as the cause). The centering is good on both sides, but the date is also illegible. Still, this is a better than usual example of this popular variety. ..... (250-275)

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

017. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.4.1-F.4 MBR R1 VF20. 145.5. gns. The African Head type. Mottled golden and olive brown, porous around much of the periphery. Dateless but virtually full legends, notable for the variety. A distinctive and ever popular type.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

243. TWO POPULAR VARIETIES OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS. 1785 M.4.1-F.4 MBR (R-1) VG8 135.7 gns. "African Head" variety. Coarse planchet. Weak peripheries. No visible date.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1785 M.4.1-F.4
#9438? HALL-SHUMWAY,1919. (VG10) FINE, MOTTLED.

4.1-F.4

1785 4.1-F.4 ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994:

1785 MILLER 4.1-F.4

The Miller Text Plate "African Head" Coin

200-
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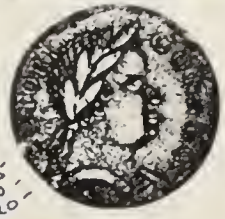
Lot No. 10

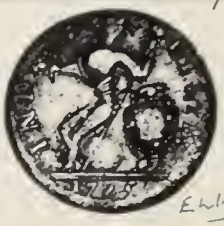
CONTRASTING DEVICES & FIELDS

10 650/ **1785 M.4.1-F.4, MBR. The "African Head" variety.** R-1. Very Fine/Fine, dark brown fields, lighter high points. 139.4 gns. Surfaces uniformly micro-granular. Obverse rim with very tiny notches. **The Miller text plate coin** to illustrate the variety. This has always been a distinctive 1785 variety and was popular with collectors from very early on. Perfect die states.

From S.H. Chapman's sale of the Arthur Sargent Collection, June 20, 1913, lot 8. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot. J. ROCK

BOWERS & MERENA "ELIASBERG SALE" MAY 20, 199





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ELIASBERG

67 1785 Connecticut copper. *African Head.* Miller 4.1-F.4. Rarity-1. EF-40.

Surfaces: Dark olive and brown. Lightly porous. Fairly well struck for the variety, but with usual weakness at centers, especially at the high areas on the reverse.

Narrative: One of the more popular varieties of the first year of the Connecticut cent.

Die state and characteristics: Early. No breaks observed.
Weight: 140.0 grains.
Diameter: About 28.5mm.

Popularly called the *African Head*, at least in recent times, earlier called the *Negro Head* (cf. Miller, p. 10). Nearly all of the copper for this and related early issues made by the Company for Coining Coppers was dark and porous, although it should be noted that Walter Breen (*Encyclopedia*, p. 67) ascribes 4.1-F.4 to an "unidentified private mint." Copper supplies were always uncertain in this era, a situation that would later plague the Philadelphia Mint in its formative years in the 1790s.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD. (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

EXCEPTIONAL "AFRICAN HEAD" VARIETY
THE MILLER TEXT PLATE COIN!

F/VF
NOT CHOICE

88 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-F.4, the popular "African Head" variety. Rarity-1. 139.4 grains. Choice Very Fine, many details fully in the Extremely Fine category. Boldly struck, with full legends, date and all of the design details expected of this grade. Dark brown fields with lighter devices give a very attractive two-tone look to the coin, much nicer than the usually-seen dark and rough surfaces that the variety has become known for. This was the PLATE COIN FOR THE VARIETY in the Miller reference, a fantastic honor for any Connecticut copper! Although the variety is occasionally found in higher grades, the reason that Miller used this for his text plate is simple—it's one of only a handful of examples that we've ever seen that has bold, sharp peripheral details [legends and date] that are fully equal to the sharpness of the central devices [this variety almost always comes strong in the centers and weak around the legends]. If you're going to illustrate something in a reference work, you obviously want a coin that shows as much of the die detail as possible, and that's what you have here in this coin. And, guess what? That's exactly what collector's are looking for, too. Although there are coins out there that are technically a grade or two higher, like the Roper or Taylor pieces, this one simply blows them away in the desirability department [so much so that, as a dealer or collector, this cataloguer would decline an even trade of either of those two coins for this!]. A simply beautiful specimen of this major type, with no sort of major defect, fantastic eye appeal, unbeatable pedigree and plated in the sole reference book for the series—who could possibly want more from a coin?.....$799

Accompanied by Hillyer Ryder's original handwritten ticket for the coin, noting that it came from S.H. Chapman's sale of the [Arthur] Sargent collection, June 20, 1913, lot 8, graded "very fine" by Ryder [which means a grade of full EF today would not be stretching the point!]. One is immediately struck by the fact that Henry Miller, who certainly had numerous examples of this variety in his own collection, chose to borrow this piece with full legends and date from Ryder to illustrate the variety in his reference work!

4.1 – F.4

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

99 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4, the "African Head" variety. Rarity-1. 139.8 grains. Very Fine or so, with the usual erratic strike associated with the variety. As almost always found, the central details are strong while the peripheral details are wek. This one has most of the legends visible, though some letters are faint. The date is gone, a typical occurence for this variety. Attractive chocolate brown surfaces, somewhat glossy and free of all but the most trivial of marks. Really a most pleasing example of this contemporary counterfeit issue. Though the variety is only rated a Rarity-1 most examples seem to exist in lower grades and/or on heavily flawed planchet stock. This is one of the more attractive specimens that we've been able to handle, and would fit in well with a choice variety or type set.....$229

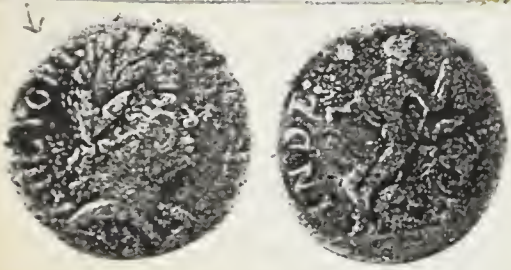
From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, purchased from Richard August in September, 1980.

SEE MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CH GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT # 326 1 OF 2 PIECES
ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

100 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.14-F.4, another. 140.3 grains. Very Good, some details of Fine quality, others weaker as struck. Most of the legends are visible, though CONNEC and the date are faint. Light brown surfaces with some light granularity but with an overall hard look. Usually Fine or lesser examples of this issue are dark and/or rough, so this one is actually quite choice for the grade, especially since there is no post-striking damage or defect. An inexpensive example of this popular type.....$69

STEVE HAYDEN PRICE LIST # 2 OCT, 1996

2 Conn 1785 B.R. M. 4.1-F.4 R1 VG/Good 126.9 grains. "African Head" variety. Brown with nice obverse detail although CONNEC is missing. No date or ET LIB on reverse. 70.00



STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

112 1785 M.4.1-F.4. Another. 128.4 gns. Extremely Fine for the technical grade, sharpness a tad lower in most places. Both sides an interesting ruddy brown in color. Surfaces granular as usual, with a touch of pitting on the reverse. Reverse off center, but this time resulting in a full date showing. Perfect die states. CLEANED?

500 – 750 – 825 –

LOT	DATE	VARIETY	RARITY	GRADE	GRADE	COMMENTS
EAC SALE APRIL 4, 1998						
13	1785	M4.1-F.4	1	12	12	CONNECTICUT-BUST FACING RIGHT-AFRICAN HEAD. Brown with smooth surfaces. No date. Some minor circ. marks. AVERAGE+. $220 –

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 13 SUMMER 1998

144. 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-F.4, the "African Head" variety. Rarity-1. 133.5 grains Good to Very Good, probably nicer than that in terms of actual wear received, but struck from an extremely late state of the dies, with only shadows of a couple of letters in the legend visible. The central design details are a bit stronger, and immediately identifiable. Attractive medium brown surfaces that are hard, extremely clean and quite appealing overall – the surface quality alone argues for a higher grade on the piece and suggests that the peripheral weakness is due more to die wear than actual circulation. An affordable example of this popular contemporary counterfeit.....$49

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

111 1785 M.4.1-F.4. Mailed Bust Right. So-called "African Head" variety. R-1. 139.9 gns. Extremely Fine for sharpness in most places, actually sharper in some areas than the Taylor coin was! Deep brown color on the obverse, the reverse slightly lighter on the high points. Both surfaces microgranular, as almost always seen on this variety. Reverse off center to the bottom, also typical of the variety, parts of the date off flan. Areas of verdigris on both sides. Perfect die states. MAHOGONY

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4.1-F.4

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

An Exceptional "African Head" Connecticut
THE NEW REDBOOK PLATE COIN!

115. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 4.1-F.4, the "African Head" variety. Rarity-1. 146.0 grains. Choice Extremely Fine, and a wonderful, boldly struck example of this unique type coin in the series. The variety is often found weak at the peripheries, but this specimen is quite strong in that regard – the obverse legend is full and strong, while the reverse legend is full and mostly strong – the very tops of the I and E of INDE are weak, and that's it! The date is about half on the planchet, as centered and somewhat typical for the variety (which is often found dateless). The central details are razor-sharp on either side, including every single strand on the obverse figure's hair and all the bold detail in his mailing. The reverse has the figure displaying most of the folds of drapery, and parts of all of the grapevines can be seen on the shield – detail that is almost never visible! The variety almost invariably comes on dark and rough planchet stock, and even high grade specimens seldom have any sort of eye appeal. This piece is a most pleasant exception. Gorgeous light chocolate brown surfaces that are hard and even a bit glossy on either side; there are a couple of very tiny pinpoint striae on either side, a result of the poor copper alloy used on this contemporary counterfeit issue. We have NEVER seen an African Head struck on a perfect planchet, and this is clearly the result of the counterfeiter's inexperience with smelting copper for coinage. We want to stress that these striae are extremely minute on this particular coin, and are far, far less obtrusive than normally found on the variety. While this is an exceptional example of this unique design type, and important as such, the coin is made even more desirable by the fact that this is also the NEW REDBOOK PLATE COIN for the type – pictured in full color on page 40 of the 1999 edition of the Redbook (and will be used for future editions as well). The reason the editor of the Redbook picked this particular example for illustration is simple – few examples of the variety have both a strong strike, a minimum of planchet striations and choice color; when you find an example that has all three, such as this one, jump on it since it is a condition rarity for an otherwise common variety. Clearly well into the Condition Census for the variety. Indeed, we have only been able to locate one specimen that is distinctly nicer – the EF/AU coin in the Garrett collection. There are a number of EF coins that vie for the remaining spaces on this list – the EAC '75 coin, the Brand-Hall-Oecshner piece (granular, at $1320), the Roper specimen (a small spot), Taylor (recolored, though catalogued as original mint red in that sale), Steinberg, the Picker Reference Collection and the Eliasberg piece (rough, at $1320). This example is nicer than most of these other pieces, being free of dark roughness, and certainly a "premium quality" coin in every respect. The Census drops quickly from EF to include VF coins in Hessberg, Foreman, the third Perkins sale, the Miller coin in Stack's June, 1994 auction and pieces permanently impounded in the holdings of the ANS and The Colonial Newsletter Foundation (this one on a defective planchet). Of note, the Norweb piece was just Fine. Common enough in lower grades (Fine and lower), but decidedly rare in this level. A fantastic specimen that really has everything in the world going for it – one of the finest known examples of a distinct and unusual type coin, fantastic eye appeal and the plate coin in the most popular book ever published on numismatics. Needless to say, a coin that will a centerpiece of even the most advanced collection, and one that will never be improved upon!.....$2399

The "African Head" varieties (the other, Miller 4.2-F.6 is known from just two examples and is considered completely uncollectable despite years of searching for another by collectors) take their nickname from the unusual portrayal of the obverse figure. The similarities between this effigy and the stereotyped racial representations of African men perhaps made the nickname all but guaranteed. In this ero of Politically Correct language the nickname has somehow managed to stick, though as the demographics of the collector base expand to include other collectors, this century-old nickname might be relegated to the dustbin.

PLATE IN PROOF FROM REDBOOK

4.1 - F.4

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

226 **1785 M.4.1-F.4.** Draped Bust Right. African Head type. R-1. 141.9 gns. Choice Very Fine, overall, the obverse sharper in places. Ruddy brown fields, lighter gold on the high points. Both sides granular but not unpleasantly so. Miller attribution number painted in white lacquer in lower right obverse field. Both sides slightly off center as often seen, but without displacing anything of consequence. Spots of verdigris (probably active) in the center of the reverse. Taken all together, this is a much better than average specimen of the African Head type which has decent "eye appeal" and the additional allure of being a **Painted Die Variety.** NOT CHOICE

200 / 260 / 256

Perfect die states.

George felt he could make a case for this coin being ex Lester Merkin's Sale of October 31, 1973, lot 126, and later ex Bowers' Connecticut Historical Society Sale April 8, 1983, lot 1548. George acknowledges that neither of those two lots was plated, however.

SEE BOWER'S "E.M. SAUNDERS SALE" NOV 9, 1987 LOT # 3012

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1998

156 **1785 M.4.1-F.4.** Mailed Bust Right. So-called "African Head" variety. R-1. 139.9 gns. Extremely Fine for sharpness in most places. Deep brown obverse, the reverse slightly lighter on the high points. Both surfaces microgranular, as almost always seen on this variety. Reverse off center to the bottom, also typical of the variety, parts of the date off flan. Areas of verdigris on both sides. GREEN VERDIGRIS

550 / 575 / 632.50

Perfect die states.

4.2-F.6

STATE COINAGE OF CONNECTICUT (1920) H.C. MILLER

Var. 2. Similar to var. 1, but hair brushed back. Lower dot of last colon heavy. The rare variety of the Negro Head.

Of this variety only ~~one~~ authentic specimen is known. TWO REPORTED (1966) C.N. P. 338

4^2—~~F^4~~ (R^6) 4.2-F.6 SEE C.N. P. 338

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(4) NEGRO HEAD, Hair Brushed Downward, Obverse 4.1 of 1785

(5) NEGRO HEAD, Hair Brushed Backward, Obverse 4.2 of 1785

OBV. 4.2 — PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE FILES OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

HOCH PLATE 4^2

Crosby in 1875 nicknamed one of his three varieties of Obverse 4's, "African Head, a large head with wreath of six leaves." In 1920 Miller differentiated two varieties of African Heads, and described them as follows: "Obv. 4.1, Hair brushed downward. The usual variety of the Negro Head. Obv. 4.2, Hair brushed back. The rare variety of the Negro Head." Two 1787 dies had previously been designated by this same nickname, but fortunately it was not continued, so no conflict in terminology occurs. In 1859 Dickeson had said that his No. 10 of 1787, consisting of two varieties, was extremely rare, "being familiarly known as the Africanus or negro head." It is now impossible to attribute these dies because their legend punctuation recorded by Dickeson is incorrect. Dickeson said there was still another 1787 die, No. 84, which resembled a negro's visage, but here again it cannot be attributed from the legend punctuation he gives for it. He said the die is "Very curious in the representation of the hair, which resembles the negro's, hence called Woolly Head." Dickeson also stated that his No. 26 of 1788 "may be determined by the large head, irregular features, and eyes and lips protruding like a negro's. The laurel leaf, forming the wreath, is very large, and the hair is indicated by a series of oblong dots." Fortunately, the nickname Negro Head did not become attached to any of Dickeson's 1787 or 1788 dies, because Crosby used it later for 1785, a designation that has remained well established for the past hundred years.

DESIGNATION CHANGES:

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

4.2-F.4 -- Should be changed to **4.2-F.6.** In April, 1966, Eric Newman discovered that the reverse of the very rare "Second African Head" was actually different than that found on the more common variety. The new reverse die was given the next available number in the F family of dies.

4.2-F.6

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA P.67 (1988)

SEE COLOR PHOTO
ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.4.2-F.6
VERY FINE, DAMAGED VF 20
EX HALL COLLECTION

II. UNIDENTIFIED PRIVATE MINT

741 1785 "African" head. 2 vars.
Miller 4.1-F.4 (ill.), 4.2-F.6 (same letter punches, similar head, hair brushed back; 2 known? *CNL* 1/73, p. 386). 133–140 grs. = 8.61–9.07 gms., for 52 to the lb. Possibly among coins made for Maj. Eli Leavenworth? Vermont RR 3 (**711**) comes overstruck on former. *CNL* 10/79, p. 701.

Thirty-three die changes are involved, all of which have been reported in previous issues of The Colonial Newsletter except two; namely, reverse F.6 of 1785, and obverse 33.48 of 1787, neither of which has been described numismatically. E. P. Newman confirmed on April 21, 1966 (personal communication) that both reverses of the two known specimens called 4.2 - F.4 differed in detail from the common F.4 reverse paired with obverse 4.1. Hence he called this newly discovered reverse F.6, which was the next open number, and the two exemplars were redesignated 4.2 - F.6.

4.2-F.6 (inventoried as 4.2-F.4); Hall collection #1714; 131.8 gr; edge lettered 4.2-F.4

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.4.2-F.6
VERY FINE, DAMAGED VF 20
EX HALL COLLECTION

4.3-A.2

PINE TREE' EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

13* **1785. M. 4.3–A.2.** R–3. The familiar variety with rim breaks above Liberty head and touching shoulder corner; D repunched, lower colon dot serves as a leaf. **Some details Fine,** some a little short of that grade; almost though not completely free of defects, unusually clean. Superior to the Hoch Plate coin, about equal to the Miller Plate coin or the "EF" Appleton–MHS example in sharpness. **(Photo)** **($75–up)**

$70

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

VF 20 OLK

SMOOTH MEDIUM BROWN

TAYLOR

2312 **1785 Connecticut. M 4.3-A.2. Mailed Bust Right.** 125.9 grains. R-3. F-15 to VF-20, sharpness closer to the latter grade. Obverse and reverse centers weak. Medium brown, smooth planchet. Overall quality and die states very similar to those appearing on the Appleton-M.H.S. specimen: wedge-shaped die break from rim to the point of the effigy's shoulder on obverse; similar wedge-shaped die break from the rim reaching towards Liberty's head; spidery breaks between LIB. Another break closes the first C of of CONNEC. $209 — TO R. TERRANOVA

$209

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC." OCT 23, 1970 'M.H.S'

120 **1785 Miller 4.3-A. 2.** Extremely Fine. Rarity 3. An outstandingly clean coin, perfectly centered and sharply struck, with only the slightest flake in the field opposite the chin. An almost imperceptible rim nick under the bust. Neither of these minor faults detracts from the beauty of this lovely specimen. An even warm light brown throughout. **PLATE** $180 —

120

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.4.3-A.2
EXTREMELY FINE

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

9 1785 Bust Facing Right M #4.3–A.2 (R–3) VERY GOOD–10, light surface marks and planchet drifts. Glossy pleasing surfaces.

$25 —

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

R. MARTIN

524 1785 Bust Right. 4.3-A.2 (R-3). Close to Extremely Fine. Some planchet striae, as normal. One of the finest known examples, another prize for the advanced collector. WT. 151.7 GR.

55 —

STACK'S "N. BRYANT" FEB 2, 1973

3 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.3-A.2. Rarity 3. Fine, sharply struck. The central portion of the reverse has a planchet flaw. Full date, and all punctuation plus other details sharp and clear. $35 —

4.3-A.2

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966
167 1785 Bust right. 4³ A² (R³) #8 -

MINT STATE 1785 MILLER 4.3-A.2

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

D. PARTRICK

BASICALLY UNC MEDIUM BROWN OLIVE W/ RED IN LETTERS

600 - 1,800 -

Lot No. 1028

OECHSNER

1028 **1785 Miller 4.3-A.2.** Mailed bust right. 141.0 grains. **Mint State,** weakly struck on a porous and defective planchet. Light brown, a hairline scratch on the neck. Fading mint red around the obverse legends. Where fully struck the surfaces are glossy. Advanced state of the die breaks. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$1,980 -

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

XF 40+

600 - 1,100 -

Lot No. 1029

D. MENCHELL

OECHSNER

1029 **1785 Miller 4.3-A.2.** Another. 129.2 grains. **Extremely Fine,** centers not fully struck-up. Deep brown at the upper left obverse, otherwise olive. Wedge-shaped break from the rim to the left tip of the armor; several short breaks throughout TLIB. Full hair and wreath, full date, generally glossy surfaces. Notably better than the Taylor and EAC specimens.

$1,210 -

STACK'S OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988 LOT # 1021 OECHSNER Miller 4.3-A.2. 130.9 grains. Very Fine but softly struck on a defective planchet. Medium brown toning; 1 OF 3 PIECES — OK GOOD COLOR LOT BROUGHT $330 -

PINE TREE "BREEN '85" SEPT 6, 1985

62 **1785 Similar. M. 4.3-A.2.** Usual rim breaks at shoulder corner and above Liberty head. Better than VG, few details nearer to Fine; usual defective planchet, lamination peeled off at neck and jaw.

15 - 40

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1980

4.3-A.2, R3 GOOD LIGHT SCRATCHES $5.50
4.3-A.2, R3 V.G. HOLE $4.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 7, 1985

1417 1785 Miller 4.3-A.2 (R-3). 136.8 grains. Deep brown, somewhat granular. Very Good.

16.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986 DARK UGH!

1332 1785 M.4.3-A.2 (R-3). Very Fine, deep brown toning with highlighted devices; slightly weak at 1 in date but the rest sharp and all 3 vines on shield visible. Better than EAC 13 in both grade and appearance.

220 -

HIM. INC SALE' JULY 31, 1983

571A 1785. M 4.3-A.2 (R-3) VG-F.
#20 - Well centered, clear date and legends, obverse pinscratches

BOWER'S "G. HETRICH SALE" JAN. 28-30, 1982

599 Group of Connecticut coppers: (1) 1785 Miller 4.3-A.2. Nice Good.
50 - All features distinct. 1 OF 5 PIECES

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 9, 1986

1176 1785 **Connecticut.** Miller 4.3-A.2 (R-3). 136.8 grains. Deep brown, somewhat granular. Very Good.

44 -

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1785 Bust right. 4.3-A.2 (R-3). Good $15.00; Very Good $24.00; Fine $35.00; Very Fine RCR #14 ..... 65.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1785 Bust right. 4.3-A.2. (R-3). VG $16.00; Fine RCR #7 9/70 23.00

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

4.3-A.2 9441 (6) GOOD 6

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

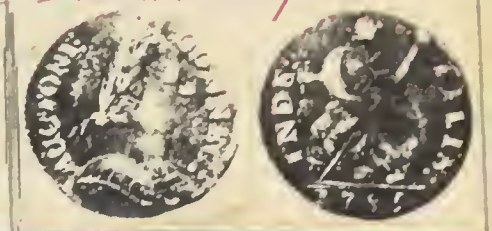
4.3-A.2	1785	F-	R3	Dark; inclusions & edge
4.3-A.2	1785	VG	R3	Dark; inclusions.
4.3-A.2	1785	VG+/VG+	R3	Striations both sides.
4.3-A.2	1785	VG+/VG+	R3	Striations, but surface

4.3-A.2

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

16) 1785 M.4.3-A.2 Fine-Very Fine (15) Smooth olive green. Defect at "E" in "ET" on reverse. -C

HOCH PLATE / ANS



L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

127 — 1785 Miller 4.3–A.2, Rarity 3. EF. Even medium brown. Full date. From late state of dies showing advanced die breaks and buckling in front of the face (obverse), and corresponding portion of the reverse, as well as between branch and figures head. Another important one for the specialist.

75

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

1785 M.4.3-A.2

Second Finest Known LOT #1072

SEE BOWER'S BOYD, BRAND & RYDER SALE MAR 28, 1990

55 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.3-A.2. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 3. 131.1 grains. About Uncirculated.** Weakly struck at the centers, on a slightly defective planchet, as is typical for most 1785 pieces. A tiny edge nick above the final O does not detract, and is barely worthy of mention. This incredible, medium-brown specimen exhibits an extremely strong peripheral strike, with most of the legends, the obverse mail, and the reverse branch and arm standing out in almost medallic relief. Where fully struck, the surfaces are glossy, and there is even a trace of original mint red at the final C and colon on the obverse! Second Finest Known, ranking in the Condition Census only below the similar-appearing mint state example in the Oechsner sale that sold for $1980. Once this coin is sold, it may be decades before an opportunity to add a piece anywhere close to this quality will again occur.....$1495

The Condition Census appears as follows:

1) Oechsner: 1028, Uncirculated, but weak and porous. Sold for $1980.
2) The example offered here, About Uncirculated.
3) NASCA 10/31/79 sale: 177, About Uncirculated, weak. Sold for $300.
4) Oechsner: 1029, Choice Extremely Fine. Sold for $1210.
5) Lester Merkin 10/31/73: 127, Extremely Fine. Sold for $75.
6) Miller: 1812, Extremely Fine. Sold for $3.25. This is probably the plate coin in his book; its present location is unknown.
7) Appleton-Massachusetts Historical Society: 120, called "Extremely Fine" we thought it to be a low-end Very Fine, with a planchet flake opposite the chin. Still, it sold for $180 in 1970.

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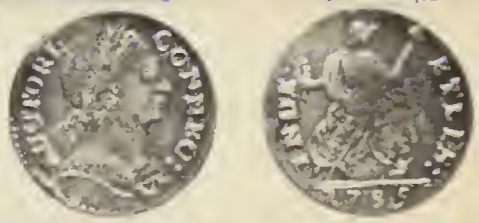
MILLER PLATE



RED BOOK PLATE (1978)

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

56 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.3-A.2, another specimen. Rarity 3. 138.0 grains. Fine,** with two painted die variety markings, one correct, and the other erroneously identifying the piece as "5 F"!.....$89

Late die state, with the reverse die failing on the right side.

For those not acquainted with painted die varieties (or PDV's), in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, many collectors would actually paint attribution numbers directly on the coins in their collections. On Connecticut coppers, this is mostly seen on the obverse fields and, occasionally, on the edge of the coin. These markings were written in white India Ink, and are easily removable with acetone, although few collectors would want to do so, since the markings indicate that the coin probably came from a large old-time collection; even the most famous collectors practiced this ritual, and many coins can thus often be pedigreed back to the Dr. Thomas Hall, Carl Wurtzbach or Henry C. Miller collections, just by the presence of a PDV.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-29, 1920

1812 1785. 4 (3), A (2), Not in Crosby. Type. Head to r, colon after two words. Rx. similar. Ex. F. V. Rare. Plate. 3.25

2079 1785. C. 4-(3)-A (2)., ~~also 4-(1)-F (4)~~. G. & VG. 2 pcs .35

2076 1785. ~~C. 3-(4)-F (1)~~; 4 (3)-A (2), VG. 2 pcs. .30

STANDARD CATALOUGE (1947) 4.3-A.2

BOWER'S TAYLOR SALE MAR 27, 1987

2313 1785 Connecticut coppers: M 4.3-A.2. 127.9 grains. R-3. VG-8. Same obverse state as the piece in the preceding lot, earlier reverse state (spidery lines in LIB);

1 OF 4 PIECES TAYLOR

MILLER PLATE

RED BOOK PLATE (1978)

BOWER'S NORWEB SALE MAR 26, 1988

LOT 2466 M 4.3-A.2. F-12/VG-6. Rarity-3. 130.2 grains. 28.3mm. 180°. Scratched. Obverse state earlier than Taylor: 2312, struck from the reverse before it failed at INDE; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1785 Copper VG 9.51g 180° Miller 4.3-A.2 (R3)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1785 Copper G 8.30g 180° Miller 4.3-A.2 (R3)

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

4.3 - A.2

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, AUG, 1983

73 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.4.3-A.2. Fine. Well balanced with full date, legends, and major details 60.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1984

46 1785 Bust Right. M. 4.3-A.2. Very Fine. Smooth light Brown surfaces 175.00

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-4.3-AA.2 Fine 125.00

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-4.3-A.2 Fine, granular surfaces ... 60.00
Very Fine 250.00

NASCA "KESSLER" APRIL 28, 1981

ATTRACTIVE GROUP

2230 1785-1787. Group of 5 Different Connecticut Coppers. 5 Pcs. 80 -

M 4.3-A.2, R-3, VG-F w/reverse pinscratches, old Henry Chapman envelope. ~~M-19-G.4, R-2, VF, medium brown, light scratches~~ ~~M.33.16-Z.15, R-2, two-toned VF - w/full date and legends, couple minor reverse planchet defects.~~ ~~M.37.1-CC.1, R-1, cleaned VF, full date, light pinscratches~~ ~~M.12-KK.2, R-3, attractive F+, slightly off-center with small reverse cuff~~

D. LINETT 1984 MAIL BID SALE OCT 16, 1984

68 1785, 4.3-A.2, Mailed Bust facing right. Very Fine. Medium chocolate color. Strong legends.. 250.

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

4.3-A.2, R-3, Bust Right, Fine+..... 140.

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

SEE ROCK'S LIST FEB, 1989 LOT #55 AT 1,495.00 ROCK LIST 1,495 -

EXTREMELY FINE DEFECTIVE GOOD COLOR

1785 M 4.3-A.2 Copper

Among the Finest Known

200 - 250 -

WHT. 131.1 GRAINS R. MARTIN

1072 **1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.3-A.2. Rarity-3. AU-50 to 55, among the finest known.** Faint traces of mint red can be seen on the obverse, around NEC:. Somewhat glossy flan, many planchet streaks (roller flaws on the planchet prior to striking). Small rim dent on the obverse at 1:00, above O. Technically high in the Condition Census for the variety, tied for the second finest known. Die states above equivalent to Taylor:2312, if slightly earlier; but far superior in terms of quality to that piece. 275

The Condition Census for Connecticut coppers is still an evolving one. Collectors are, since our sale of the Taylor Collection, more aware of the place of high-grade specimens in the Condition Censuses of individual varieties than before. The 1975 Pine Tree F.A.C. Sale early blazed trails into the Condition Census for Connecticut varieties, but, for some reason, other cataloguers did not follow up on Walter Breer majesterial work in that sale.

Condition Census listings for some high-grade Connecticut coppers have been published, notably in our own referenced Taylor Collection sale, and in the recent (1988) fixed price list issued by Rosa Americana, Ltd. (Jeff Rock and Jack Collins). These latter listings, which draw upon Rock's records of several thousand Connecticut coppers are probably state of the art at the present time.

Several of the descriptions of Connecticut coppers to follow in this listing will draw upon Rock's work on the Condition Census for each. Unless otherwise stated, such listings are based upon Rock's own research.

Accordingly, the Condition Census for this variety has been suggested as follow

1. Oechsner.1028, porous Uncirculated
2. **The present example.**
3. NASCA (10/79):177. AU, softly struck
4. Oechsner 1029 Choice EF.
5. Merkin (10/73).127. EF
6. Miller 1812 EF.
7. Stack's MHS:120 Catalogued as EF

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5648 Pair of 1785 coppers: ☆ M 4.3-A.2. Rarity-3. F-12, obverse striated. 129.1 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2312 ☆ ~~M 6.4-1. Rarity-3. F-15, once cleaned and recolored. 126.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2328.~~ (Total: 2 pieces) 110.00 1 OF 2 PIECES

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

#5647 ☆ M 4.3-A.2. Rarity-3. VG-8, striated. 127.8 grains. States later than Taylor:2312. Obverse sunk on neck; reverse sinking before face, heavily on shield 330.00 1 OF 4 PIECES

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

6512 Pair of 1785 Connecticut copper issues: ☆ M 4.3-A.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 127.9 grains. Typical obverse state, with wedge-shaped die break from rim to point of effigy's shoulder. Pale olive-brown surfaces with some planchet fissures noted on both sides. Reverse die flaws noted at LIB 88.00 1 OF 2 PIECES

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1338 **1785 Miller 4.3-A.2.** 123 grains. Mailed bust right, typically weak at centers, sharp die breaks to shoulder and over Liberty's head. Date and lettering sharp, obverse has vertical laminations. Olive-brown. Strong Fine. DARK LAMINATIONS & POROSITY HESSBERG 99.00

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1339 **1785 Miller 4.3-A.2.** 130 grains. Mailed bust right, as preceding, but a less detailed strike. Lettering generally strong, reverse weak at center with ancient scratches; die break at shoulder. Fine. DARK VERDIGRIS HESSBERG 55.00

COIN GALLERIES' SALE FEB 14, 1986

2216 **Selection of Connecticut coppers: 1785 Miller 4.3-A.2.** Rarity 3. Good Fine; ~~1786 M.4.1-G. R-2. Good Fine, reverse flawed, 1787 M.33.2-Z.12. R-1. Rough Very Good/Fine; another: Rough Fine, M.33.5-T.2. R-5. Rough Fine, M.33.6-KK. R-4. Fine, flawed, M.33.14-Z.14. R-5. Rough Fine, flawed, M.33.15-1.1. R-2. Good Fine.~~ 8 pieces. 330.00

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE NOV 10, 1983

1957 **1785 Connecticut copper. M.4.3-A.2.** Rarity 3. Strong Fine, nearly Very Fine. Dark brown. Later die states. 210.00

1785 4.3-A.2 WHT. 128.3 GRAINS
VERY GOOD FEW TRIVAL DEFECTS. SMOOTH BROWN FLAN.
M. RINGO 9/82 - R. MARTIN - D. MITUZAS 3/3/87

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #41 JAN 5, 1986

9. 1785 Miller 4.3-A.2. Fine-Very Fine15, R-3. Full date and decent.$95

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1789 1785 Miller 4.3-A.2 (R-3). 127.3 grains. Mailed Bust right. Very Good, planchet flaws and a "W" stamped into head: 1 OF 2 PIECES 38.50

4.3-A.2

COIN GALLERIES "PICKER REF. COLL" JULY 22, 1992

2598 **1785 M 4.3-A.2.** MBR. R-3. 132.4 gns. Technically Very Fine, soft in the centers. Olive brown. Light central abrasions. Late states of both dies, the damage resulting in the central softness seen. Later than Taylor:2312, obverse failing on neck and under ribbons, rim breaks now above A U; reverse die sinking under first I, heavily on shield, breaks now connect T LIB. The Miller plate coin was nearly perfect, while PT EAC'75:13 and the Taylor specimens were about equal in states. This variety is commonly found in Very Good-Fine condition. Those few graded Very Fine are rare. A specimen for the Connecticut specialist.

176.00 F18/VF20

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 SPRING 1993

STACK'S "PERKINS COLL SALE MARCH 15, 1993

2092 **1785 M.4.3-A.2. MBR.** Overall Fine, given the die states. Rarity 3. 136.1 grains. Olive and tan. Surfaces microscopically granular; linear flaw obverse chin to chest. Late die states: obverse as Taylor:2314 (4.3-D) but with central failure more advanced; reverse sinking in right field, T LIB connected by breaks, sinking above branch, below feet and on 1 in date and I beside. This is close to the latest states known on these dies.

45.00 63.50 71.50

V

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

927 **1785 M.4.3-A.2. MBR.** Rarity 3. Fine. 135.5 gns. Even, light brown. Both surfaces granular and flawed. Obverse scratched at top. Obverse die cud now formed at shoulder point reaching to rim, spidery breaks above AUC; reverse broken through tops of T LIB.

50.00 65.50 71.50

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections.

V

COIN GALLERIES "PICKER REF." JULY 22, 1992

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 SPRING, 1993

LOT #2598

ANOTHER PLEASING 1785 ISSUE!

47 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.3-A.2 Rarity-3. 132.4 grains. ~~Choice~~ Very Fine, a bit weak at the absolute centers, as typically found on the legitimate 1785 issues [the "African Head" was a contemporary counterfeit]; from a late state of the dies with the obverse failing at the effigy's neck and under the ribbons, this no doubt a major cause for the central weakness. Even chocolate brown color, with slightly glossy surfaces. Quite problem-free, which is almost unheard of for the 1785 issues. Although rated only Rarity-3, the majority of specimens existent of this variety are in grades below Fine; anything better is decidedly rare. Nice, defect-free 1785 issues are becoming quite impossible to find [just check how many have been offered through auction or on dealers price lists in the last few years!], and the few that have appeared have brought extremely strong prices. Not quite in the Condition Census for the variety, which stretches down to an EF (see our first fixed price list for a listing of the census for this variety). A perfect example of the type—if you need one, call quick, because we honestly doubt that this is an issue that we could replace very easily!.. F18/VF20. $399

BOWERS "SUNDERLAND COLL" MARCH 14, 1994

2262 1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.3-A.2. Mailed Bust Right. VF-25. Rarity-3. 132.9 grains. Overall sharpness slightly finer than Taylor:2312, but with natural planchet flaw connecting effigy's shoulder to obverse rim at 6:00. Deep chocolate brown surfaces exhibit faint porosity and a scattering of faint, old reverse scratches. From a later state of the dies than Taylor:2312, with wedge-shaped break at effigy's shoulder on obverse, and a further break from the rim to the top of A in AUCTORI. A reverse diebreak joins Liberty's head to the rim, and continues diagonally toward 10:00, obliterating the punctuation immediately after INDE. A series of spidery breaks connects all the letters in LIB, extending to the upper and lower dots in the colon immediately after that word.

NOT SOLD

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES "FRANCONIA SALE" 8-4-92

6507 Trio of 1785 Connecticut coppers, ~~each with the Mailed Bust Right obverse design ☆ M 3-2-I, VG-8, Rarity-4, 108.0 grains. Smooth medium tan surfaces with bold full date and bold design details on the reverse, unusual for this die combination. Virtually problem-free for the grade, save for a tiny planchet flaw at the center of the obverse~~ ☆ M 4.3-A.2 VG-8 Rarity-3 120.9 grains. Uniform faint porosity on both surfaces. Typical states of the dies, with wedge-shaped die break from rim to the point of the effigy's shoulder on obverse, and small, spidery breaks between LIB on the reverse ~~☆ M 4-4-C, VG-8, Rarity-3, 133.1 grains. Die alignment 170°. An attractive chocolate brown specimen. Pronounced planchet cutter lip on reverse from 11:00 to 2:00. From advanced state of reverse die, with die chip forming cud at the bottom of Band lowest colon dot, connecting from there to shield area. An interesting group of Connecticut coppers~~ (Total, 3 pieces)

110.00

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

925 **1785 ~~M.3.5-B. MBR.~~** ~~Rarity-4. About Good-Fair. 117.4 gns. Olive brown. Surfaces rough, flaw and lamination upper right obverse~~; **M.4.3-A.2. MBR.** Rarity 3. Good. 122.9 gns. Reddish brown. Deep linear reverse flaw; **another.** About Good. 128.2 gns. Golden-brown, buffed. Deep flaw nearly through coin. From the very late, near terminal die states. 3 pieces.

75.00 80.00 88.00

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 SPRING, 1993

48 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.3-A.2, another 127.1 grains. Fine or slightly better. Well struck, with full legends and a nearly complete date (only the first letter is a bit weak). Better than average planchet stock for an '85, with one small flaw on the obverse and three parallel ones on the reverse, these are completely natural, and were in the planchet prior to the coin being struck. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in left obverse field; ~~in Henry Clay Miller's neat scrip~~. A very pleasing specimen of the variety, made even more important by its notable pedigree. Even though there are a number of ex Miller pieces in this price list, the collector should not be fooled into thinking they are routinely available—this is by far the largest offering that we can trace since the Miller collection was offered way back in 1920! A choice example. $79

~~Included in the Miller sale as Part of Lot #2046~~

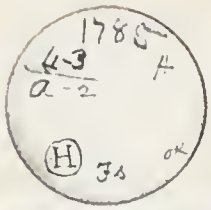
CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1785 M.4.3-A.2 #9441 HALL SHUMWAY, 1919.
(G7) FINE/VERY FINE?, DARK.

4.3-A.2

STACK'S · BOYD-RYDER · JUNE 8, 1994

12 / 75 / 100 **1785 M.4.3-A.2. MBR.** R-3. Very Good, pale olive, collector's sticker removed from obverse. 141.0 gns. Attribution number painted on obverse. Tiny obverse cud, reverse breaks at LIB; ~~**M.4.4-C. MBR.** R-3. Technically Fine, scratched and rough. 142.4 gns. Crosby's attribution number "3.5-C" painted on obverse.~~ States ~~uncertain due to surface condition~~. 2 pieces.

Both with circular card tickets with circle H. R. MARTIN



McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

125 / 150 / 209 00

141. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.4.3-A.2 MBR (R-3) VF25 135.4 gns. Rather glossy with sharp detail and nice chocolate color. Old horizontal pin scratches at very top and bottom of obverse. Flawed by obverse neck, with a reverse lamination running down the head to the base of the shield. Date and legends full.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100 / 250 / 275 / 302 20 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on their obverses: ~~**M.1-E.** R-4. About Fine. 133.6 gns. Somewhat rough olive; **M.3.1-A.3.** R-4. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places but heavily flawed and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.3.1-L.** R-4. About Good/Very Good. 131.5 gns. Dark olive. Rim flaws; **M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Very Good. 139.5 gns. Rough brown, reverse scratched. Obverse attributed as "3/F" only~~; **M.4.3-A.2.** R-1. Very Good/About Good, olive brown. 123.5 gns. Very late reverse state; ~~**M.4.3-D.** R-4. About Good, dented and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.6.1-A.1.** Low R-5. Very Good/About Good, lighter olive brown. Somewhat rough and flawed, very late reverse state; **M.6.2-F.1.** R-3, probably really higher. Fine, bent, obverse rough. 128.1 gns. Late obverse state, not often seen so.~~ 8 pieces.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

244. GROUP OF FIVE CONNECTICUTS. 1785 M.4.3-A.2 MBR (R-3) F12 131.5 gns. Deep reddish brown. Well-centered. Planchet flaw 12 o'clock obverse. Granular flan. Full date.

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 12, 1997

1807 / 88 **1785 Mailed Bust Right. Miller 4.3-A.2.** Fine. 127 grains. Well detailed with a short clip over CONN, pleasing light glossy brown, reverse exfoliations at center.

BOWERS M.H.S. SALE · NOV 16, 1994

3182 / 132 **Date run of Connecticut coppers:** ☆ 1785 M 4.3-A.2. Mailed Bust right. F-12. Rarity-3. 137.3 grains. Die breaks at obverse effigy's shoulder and A in AUCTORI. Medium brown surfaces display natural flan fissures ☆ ~~1786 M 5.2-I. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-3. 127.5 grains. Deep chocolate brown surfaces display faint obverse fissures, with a major natural fissure extending from the reverse rim at 11:00 to Liberty's breast area. Deep brown surfaces. A decent coin for the grade~~ ☆ ~~1787 M 33.7-r.2. Mailed Bust Left. VG-10. Rarity-1. 121.5 grains. Small planchet clip at 12:00 relative to the obverse. Dark tan surfaces with lighter tan highlights~~ ☆ ~~1788 M 2-D. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-1. 110.0 grains. Some small, natural flan flaws and a pronounced planchet cutter rim on the obverse. Deep tan surfaces.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

4.3-A.2

The 1785 issues suffered from the usual problems one would expect of a minting operation just starting up. The copper available was of indifferent quality and those involved probably had little or no experience in rolling the copper ingots into sheets and then cutting planchets. Die preparation was hit-and-miss as good quality die steel was hard to come by and most dies broke rather early on in life. The idea of partial complex hubs was another year away which meant that each die was a labor-intensive and time-consuming project, and most of the 1785 issues were engraved too deeply which meant that even Uncirculated examples were at least a little weak at the highpoints. To top it all off, the presses used to strike the coins were new technology to the people operating them which caused a lot of misaligned die pairings, uncertain striking force and probably other problems as well. It's rather amazing that just a year later the process was streamlined enough to make the whole operation run a lot smoother, and that by 1787 the minters were able to strike up to 60 coins per minute at top speed.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#10 SPRING, 1995

81 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.3-A.2. Rarity-3. 136.3 grains. Fine overall, with the somewhat erratic strike that one usually finds on the 1785 issues. The legends are full, though one or two letters are slightly weak; the date is mostly indistinct. Medium brown surfaces, with one long, thin planchet striation at the top of the obverse and a smaller one at the reverse to the right of the date area, neither of which are all that detracting. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, the white ink painted directly over a pencilled attribution! Overall pleasing for the grade, and inexpensive at only.....$32

BOWER'S "FRED & WARD COLL'S" NOV 13-14, 1995

3018 1785 M 4.3-A.2. Mailed Bust Right. VF. Rarity-3. 130.8. Sharpness decent, despite uniform faint porosity. Marginally sharper overall than Taylor:2312, and in a slightly more advanced die state; the spidery breaks have become sharper, particularly above the AU of AUCTORI on the obverse. Olive-brown.

$220.00

EAN (D. LINETT) MAIL BID SALE AUG 29, 1992

1028 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.3-A.2, Fine. A dark brown example with full concentric planchet. First numeral of date not visible due to strike. Pleasing to the eye. Light porosity. Fine addition to any Connecticut collection. .....(175-225)

EAN (D. LINETT) MAIL BID SALE AUG 29, 1992

1029 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.3-A.2, Fine. Another fine example of this variety. Once again, first numeral of date not visible due to strike. Deep brown. Light porosity throughout planchet. .....(150-200)

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

187 $48.50 1785 CONNECTICUT M.4.3-A.2 MBR (R-1) F15 130.7 gns. Dark olive brown, both sides very faintly granular but appearing smooth except where flawed, nowhere excessive. The obverse has a thin striation by the mouth while the reverse has a lamination by ETLIB and a few narrow flaws near the center. Well centered with bold legends and clear date, reverse weak at shield only.

410 -
650 -
715.00
T. TERRANOVA

OK+

186. 1785 CONNECTICUT M 4.3 A.2 MBR (R 3) CH VF35 126.1 gns. Medium reddish brown. Smooth Surfaces. Well centered with central striking weakness. Wedge-shaped die break from rim to point of effigy's shoulder on obverse. Smaller similarly shaped die break extending from rim towards Liberty's head on reverse. Quite eye appealing. Ex Anthony Terranova Personal Collection (6-94).

4.3-A.2

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 11 SPRING 1996

101 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.3-A.2. Rarity-3. 132.3 grains. Choice Fine, the surfaces arguing for an even higher grade. Full, bold legends on either side, the date complete save for the first numeral. A bit weak at the absolute centers, as often found on coins of this year. Gorgeous light chocolate brown surfaces that are smooth and quite glossy. There is a small planchet flaw at the base of the bust on the obverse and a thin striation at the top of the reverse, both of which were there before the coin was actually struck, and which are not the least bit detracting. One of the more attractive examples of the variety that we've handled, with the choice color and surfaces that are lacking on many pieces that are technically a grade or two higher!.....$99

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL # 14 SUMMER 1999

117. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 4.3-A.2, another. 131.1 grains. Fine, again the central details appearing about a grade lower. Nicely struck otherwise, with full legends on both sides, and the last three digits of the date extremely strong. Attractive medium tan surfaces, with some light striations on either side, the only fairly deep one being beneath Liberty's pole arm on the reverse. No post-striking damage or defect, and a very pretty circulated example of the variety or type. We think it will please at just.....$99

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL # 14 SUMMER 1999

116. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 4.3-A.2. Rarity-3. 131.9 grains. Very Fine, probably high in that grade level in terms of wear received, but a bit weakly impressed at the centers, as is somewhat typical of the variety. The legends are clearly of the VF level, with all the letters bold and sharp, and the date is not only full and bold, but completely on the planchet and with a row of denticles beneath it. Although the facial detail of the obverse design is a bit weak, most of the mailing on the bust is visible, and there are some light drapery lines visible on the reverse as well. Gorgeous medium tan surfaces that have some microscopic striae on the obverse, but are otherwise quite clean and defect free. Choice 1785 Connecticut coppers have always been something of a rarity in the series, and with the increased attention given these coins by specialists, the supply of truly nice coins has dried up. This one is really quite exceptional for the variety and type, and though there may be half a dozen or more out there that are technically a grade or two higher, we doubt that many could have the overall balance of choice color and eye appeal that this one has. In a few years we'll all look back at these prices for nice pieces and wonder why we didn't buy them all up! $279

4.3-D

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

14 **1785. M. 4.3-D.** R-4. Obv. as last but in a much later state, severe failures weakening much of head and neck. **Difficult to grade, this piece has some details suggesting a grade of Fine or better, others weaker,** the weaknesses as on the Hoch Plate coin and therefore evidently as made, relating to the severe die failures. The clean light brown surfaces suggest a grade above Fine, despite the usual planchet defects, most prominent on reverse. This may be rarer than we have listed it; none was in the Aug. 1972 Bowers list, the Appleton–MHS coin was only Good to VG, and that in New Netherlands 60th sale was no finer than the present one if even its equal. **Probably well up in the Condition Census. (Photo)** EAC 75 **($75.–up)**

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

FINE TAYLOR

2314 **1785 Connecticut. M 4.3-D. Mailed Bust Right.** 135.2 grains. R-4. Overall sharpness of VF-20. As the cataloguer of the Pine Tree Sale commented, coins struck from obverse 4.3 in this combination are difficult to grade as the die had seen considerable use and had lost much of its central detail. The wedge-shaped break, running from the point of the effigy's shoulder to the rim, is quite pronounced. Obverse and reverse legends are full and legible, and there is some detail visible in the wreath, as well as some at the base of the shoulder on the obverse. Central shield detail weak, although most of the folds in Liberty's drapery are separated. Rather large, planchet fissures, with verdigris stain on reverse.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

SEE CNL ISSUE #74

525 1785 Bust Right. 4.3-D (R-4). **Extremely Fine** or better from the standpoint of wear, but lightly defined in areas, due to striking. Late state of the dies, with advanced breaks on the obverse. Excellent detail *in certain areas.* Prime among these areas is the shield, which has all three monograms visible (normally, shield detail is not present on Connecticut coppers). One of the finest known examples of 4.3-D, and as such, worth a generous bid! WHT. 134.9 GRAINS

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

2468 1785 Connecticut. M 4.3-D. F-15 to VF-20. Rarity-4. 143.5 grains. 28.3mm. 175°. Rich, golden brown. Technical grade for this die combination, which is always soft. Sharpness of F-12 to 15. Later obverse state than Taylor 2314 and later than when used in combination with reverse A 2.
Purchased from Richard Picker, date unrecorded. NORWEB

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.4.3-D
VERY GOOD TO FINE

NASCA SALE JUNE 29, 1971

3514 **1785.** Miller 4.3-D. R-4 **Fine-15.** 17.80

Actually of a higher grade in terms of wear, but very weakly struck on the obv. Well centered, though with planchet flaw at 2 o'clock on obv. and another, resembling a triangular ship at 5 o'clock on rev. Numerous other planchet porosities on both sides. Despite this, this rare piece is in a higher state of preservation than is usually encountered.

COIN GALLERIES JULY 13, 1994

17 **Connecticut Coppers. 1785 Miller 4.3-D** (R-4). About Good; ~~1786 M.6-K (low R-6). Draped bust l., 2 reverse dents. Good; 1787 M.27-bb (R-5). ET-LIR reverse, attribution tentative. Good; 1788 M.14.1-L.2 (R-4). Mailed bust l. About Good. All corroded.~~ 4 pieces. **SOLD AS IS. NO RETURNS.**

4.3-D

H.I.M. INC SALE NOV 4, 1983

HIGH CONDITION CENSUS

XF OK/NICE — XF R. MARTIN — FINEST? R. MARTIN COLL

54 **1785. M.4.3-D** (R-4) VF+. (Photo)

Excellent surfaces with even light brown toning, one planchet defect line at upper left reverse. Details far sharper than the PT EAC #14 piece, all central drapery on reverse complete, globe lines almost all sharp, all three vines on shield visible, the usual die failure weakness at left edge on both sides. May even be finest known $330 —

WHT. 130.4 GRAINS

PINE TREE "EAC'76 SALE" MARCH 5, 1976

2103 **1785. M. 4.3-D (R-4). Some details Fine or better, others weaker.** Weaknesses of head and neck are die failures, as made, and the same as those of the Hoch Plate Coin. Surfaces clean light brown and suggestive of higher grade despite the usual planchet defects, most prominent on rev. Probably well up in the Condition Census ($75.-100.)

$40 —

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14, APR, 1972

1785 Bust right. 4.3-D (R-4). Very Good $24.00; Very Fine #14. 65.00

1785 Bust right. 4.3-D. (R-4). Very Good RCR #7 . . 8/70 . . . . . 19.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

10 1785 Bust Facing Right M #4.3-D (R-4) GOOD-4; ~~Bust Facing Right M #5 F.5 (R-5) GOOD-6.~~ (Lot of 2 pieces).

$30 —

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD. FPL #14 LOT #118 SUMMER 1999

BOWER'S "M. BROWN ESTATE" NOV 9-11, 1983

4666 Another group of Connecticut cents attributed by Miller number:

171 — 1785 cent bust right Good-4, weak date. M4.3-D. Rarity 4;

1 OF 12 PIECES

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

#5647 ☆ M 4.3-D. Rarity-4. F-12, striated. 133.8 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2314

330.00 — 1 OF 4 PIECES

STACK'S SALE SEPT 5, 1993

928 **1785 M.4.3-D. MBR.** Rarity 4. Very Fine. 143.5 gns. Dark orange-brown. Obverse rough and granular in places; reverse lightly so. Softly struck on obverse. Light obverse failure under shoulder; reverse die perfect.

55 / 120 / 132.00

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4-1968

323 Similar. **M. 4³-D** (Rarity 4). Fine, but most of head weakly impressed. Planchet much less defective than usual but still marked with a few striated flaws upon both sides; old dig-like obv. imperfection of small size and less importance on wreath. Same comment as preceding. Ex Dr. Hall, with his ticket and edge attribution.

12 —

Late obv. die state with break at truncation corner and bulge at neck.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

17) 1785 M.4.3-D Very Good-Fine (10) Some light planchet striae on obverse and reverse. Nice mottled tan. -C

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

4.3-D 9442 (7) VERY GOOD 7

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL" JULY 22, 1992

2599 **1785 M 4.3-D.** MBR. R-4. 127.8 gns. Fine/Very Fine for the variety, struck from the late state of the obverse (see preceding lot for another example of this state). Black and brown. Linear flaws on both sides, somewhat distracting, particularly the reverse. This variety is typically found on poorly prepared flans (cf Taylor:2314, PT EAC'75:14, Norweb:2468, for example). The probable finest known is an Extremely Fine coin, ex HIM(11/83):54, now in an outstanding New York City collection. ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION DARK FLAWS

137.00

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on their obverses: ~~**M.1-E.** R-4. About Fine. 133.6 gns. Somewhat rough, olive;~~ **M.3.1-A.3.** R-4. ~~Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places but heavily flawed and rough. 144.3 gns;~~ **M.3.1-L.** R-4. ~~About Good/Very Good. 131.5 gns. Dark olive. Rim flaws;~~ **M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. ~~Very Good. 139.5 gns. Rough brown, reverse scratched. Obverse attributed as "3/F" only;~~ **M.4.3-A.2.** R-1. ~~Very Good/About Good, olive brown. 123.5 gns. Very late reverse state;~~ **M.4.3-D.** R-4. About Good, dented and rough. 144.3 gns; ~~**M.6.1-A.1.** Low R-5. Very Good/About Good, lighter olive brown. Somewhat rough and flawed, very late reverse state;~~ ~~**M.6.2-F.1.** R-3, probably really higher. Fine, bent, obverse rough. 128.1 gns. Late obverse state, not often seen so.~~ 8 pieces.

250 / 275 / 302.50

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2091 ~~**1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR.** Very Good/Fine. Rarity 2. 105.4 grains. Dark brown. Very granular. High points abraded. Die states uncertain due to surface quality;~~ **1785 M.4.3-D. MBR.** Overall Fine. Rarity 4. 135.3 grains. Golden brown. Surfaces microscopically granular. Light flaws and striations. States about as Taylor:2314. 2 pieces.

75 / 75 / 82.50

The second from NERCA's sale of July 23, 1976, part of lot 10.

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1785 Copper VG 8.65g 180° Miller 4.3-D (R4)

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

4.3-D	1785	F/VG	R4	Defective planchet
4.3-D	1785	VG+	R4	

4.3-D

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER SERIAL NO# 74 SEPT, 1986
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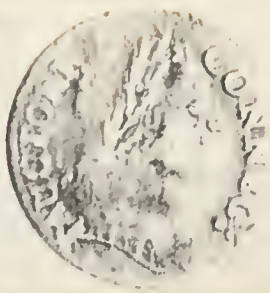
Figure 1: A typical 1785 Standard Bust, a style for which much individual variation exists. These were all made at the Company for Coining Coppers (C.C.C.) of New Haven. Illustrated is Miller 4.3-D, 134.9 grains.

BOWERS 'TURO F.F SALE' LOT #525
OCT 1, 1976



STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY SALE" MARCH 29, 1993

57 ~~Connecticut Cents. A lot of 4 varieties: 1785 Miller 4.3-D. Rarity 4; 1786 Miller 5.4 G. Rarity 2; 1787 Miller 32.4 X.5. Rarity 4; 1787 Miller 37.8 HH. Rarity 3. The ET LIR variety. An interesting lot containing 3 dates and 4 different types.~~ Average Good to Very Good. 4 pieces.

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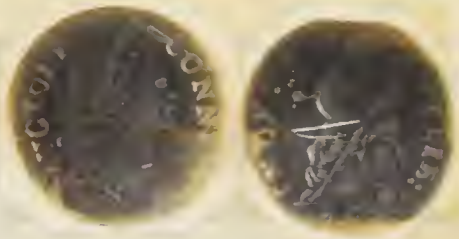
COIN GALLERIES SALE' APRIL 10, 1985

1114 ~~Lot of three Connecticuts. 1785 M.4.3-D, Mailed Bust Right; 1787 M.33.1 Z.13, Draped Bust Left; 1788 M.2 D Mailed Bust Right.~~ Fine or better, ~~the last with a rim clip and a planchet lamination.~~ 3 pieces.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1980? WHT. 141.6 GR.

18 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.4.3-D, (R-4). Very Fine, nice surfaces .....R. MARTIN..... 135.00
→ VF 20

D. SONDERMAN JAN, 1980 - R. MARTIN - H. RESCIGNO 7/6/87



ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

The Very Rare Miller 4.3-D

Long Unrecognized as a Rarity in the Series!

TO NEIL ROTHSCHILD

145. 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.3-D. High Rarity-5 [revised, possibly even higher]. 143.2 grains. Very Fine, some details easily in the choice category. Boldly struck, with full, sharp legends and a vivid date that is completely on the planchet. The central design details are quite sharp, unusual since this obverse die was heavily used before this marriage, and almost always comes weak; this one has some mailing and facial details on the obverse and significant drapery detail on the reverse. Overall, nearly as sharp as the Taylor piece, though with far better surfaces and color than that coin. The one offered here is a pleasing medium brown, with surfaces that are hard and glossy. There is a small planchet pit at the obverse effigy's hair, else the coin is completely free of any sort of lamination or other defect – quite unusual for the 1785 issues. The coin in the recent sale of the Perkins duplicates was a weakish Fine, and brought $264 in spirited bidding. In that sale, Michael Hodder raised the rarity rating of the variety, noting that he had only seen 12 examples of Miller 4.3-D in all grades; George Perkins himself noted that the variety "is, I believe, considerably rarer than that assigned." We have to agree with this assessment, since this is the FIRST example of the variety that we have been able to publicly offer in ANY grade – and we specialize in Connecticut coppers! Not only have we not handled a 4.3-D in our decade-plus experience as dealers, the variety was completely missing from this cataloguer's personal collection of Connecticut coppers, which contained several R-8 and numerous R-7 and R-6 varieties! As more research is being done on the series, expect more "hidden rarities" such as this to emerge, and for prices to be adjusted upwards for them! We have this variety on a lot of want lists...but only one example to offer at just.....$299

4.3-D

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

The Very Rare Miller 4.3-D
Long Unrecognized as a Rarity in the Series
The George Perkins Specimen

SEE STACK'S "PERKINS COLL SALE" MARCH 18, 1992 LOT #2091 1 OF 2 PIECES

118. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 4.3-D. High Rarity-5 [revised, possibly even higher]. 133.7 grains. Fine, some details easily in the choice category, and with the surface quality associated with a full VF coin. Struck from the usually-seen late die state, with the obverse die failing at the top and bottom of the bust; the legends are rather strong, however, with just the I's of AUCTORI and INDE weak, and everything else bold. The date is almost completely obscured due to being opposite the area of die failure on the reverse. Gorgeous light medium brown surfaces that are hard and extremely glossy, and with just a couple of trivial planchet striations that really aren't noticeable; really quite exceptional color and surface quality for the variety, which is usually found dark – that is, when it is found at all. The coin in the third portion of the Perkins duplicates was a weakish Fine, and brought $264 in spirited bidding. In that sale, Michael Hodder raised the rarity rating of the variety, noting that he had only seen 12 examples of Miller 4.3-D in all grades; George Perkins himself noted that the variety "is, I believe, considerably rarer than that assigned." We have to agree with this assessment, since this is just the second example of the variety that we have been able to publicly offer in ANY grade – the one offered on our last list received over a dozen orders, but quickly sold to a specialist in the series, leaving a lot of people with a notable hole in their collection. While this one isn't quite as sharp as the Taylor coin (which was from an earlier die state), it does have noticeably better surfaces and eye appeal than that piece. We like the color better than the one on our last price list, and it is free of the planchet pit found on that coin as well. This was the first of the George Perkins duplicates, superior to the one offered in the recent Stack's sale of his collection. It appeared in the first sale of his holdings, offered by Stack's in March, 1993, where it appeared as part of Lot #2091, unrecognized then for the rarity that it was! One of the nicest examples of the variety that we've seen in recent years – nearly as sharp overall as the one on our last price list, which received over a dozen orders! A most pleasing example of a very difficult variety, and sure to be on a lot of want lists. Especially nice with such a good pedigree.....$379

As noted from the first of the George Perkins sales; no lot ticket from that sale available. In the sale of the Perkins coins, it was noted that this piece was pedigreed back to New England Rare Coin Auctions sale of July 23, 1976, part of Lot 10 in that sale which contained a rather impressive run of Connecticut coppers, the collection of Richard Buckley

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1998 "PERKINS III"

227 **1785 M.4.3-D.** MBR. R-5 to 5+ (revised). 131.5 gns. Net Fine, some obverse areas softer, some on the reverse sharper. Miller 4.3-D is always a tough number to grade, due to the heavy use the obverse die had been put to before it was married to reverse D. Dark brown fields, lighter high points. Very light obverse linear striations, far less destructive than seen on other examples (the Taylor coin, for example). The reverse essentially undisturbed by flaws. Partial planchet cutter lip on reverse from 2:30 to 3:30. Rated as R-4 traditionally, but we have records of only 12 different specimens and think the rarity rating should be raised, as we have done.

220 / 240 / 264

Obverse wedge break at rearmost point of shoulder is probably advanced beyond Taylor:2314 but the condition of the surface there makes certainty impossible. The reverse seems to be perfect. WEAKNESS "UCT" CONTRASTING

George's notes on this 4.3-D read "A very respectable example of a die combination which is, I believe, considerably rarer than that assigned."

4.4-C

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

SECOND FINEST KNOWN EAC'75

15 **1785. M. 4.4-C.** R-5. Small wart for chin, but lower colon dot markedly overlaps hair; fringed ribbon ends; severe rust around LIB and shield. **More or less Ex. Fine, somewhat iridescent, light olive, excellent sharp strike,** almost but not quite free of planchet defects aside from totally trivial flan crack on head. Unusually clean surfaces. **Second finest known to us, finest being the solitary Unc. in the Merkin Sept. 1974 Sale at $1,400** (to a dealer); far superior to the Hoch Plate coin, or the "AU" in Bower's April 1972 list, or the Dr. Hall—Brand coin in New Netherlands 60th Sale, or that in the Merkin Oct. 1973 auction; Appleton's was only Good. Ex. Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** $450 **($400.–up)**

$450

15

EAC'75

Issues of Oct. 1785–Early 1786

All with Grapevines on Shield BREEN PLATE

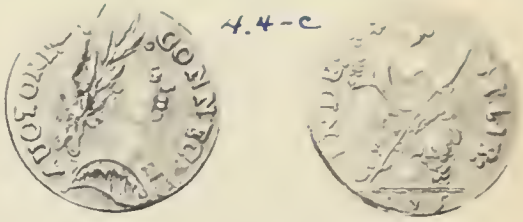
I. COMPANY FOR COINING COPPERS, Water St., New Haven

BREEN ENCYLCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

736 1785 Mailed bust r., small face, short ribbons. 20 vars. Ribbons entirely within circle of legends; colons in legends (but compare 738, 741). The so-called ETLIR var. has base of B open, from a broken punch; not rare. Many vars. struck at 52 to the lb. or lighter.

SEE EAC'75 SALE LOT #15 2/15/75 AS X.F

4.4-C



1785 M.4.4-C

TAYLOR

Probable Condition Census

BOWER'S TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

VF(25-30) OVERALL OK++

MEDIUM BROWN NOT GLOSSY

2315 **1785 Connecticut. M 4.4-C. Mailed Bust Right.** 141.7 grains. R-3. VF-30 to EF-40 overall. Sharpness certainly suggestive of a high Very Fine grade. Somewhat weakly struck at 7:00 to 8:00 on the reverse and the corresponding portion of the obverse; however, sharpness elsewhere is comparable to the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen, particularly on the obverse. Medium golden brown; smooth, problem-free surfaces. Pronounced planchet cutter mark on reverse from 11:00 to 5:00. $412.50

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

200 **1785 M.4.4-C. (R-3).** 141.8 grains. A lovely light brown coin with glossy surfaces and strong central detail. RI and matching area of IN a bit softly struck. Planchet cutter line at upper right reverse as made. Probably **Condition Census** for the variety. About Uncirculated, nearly Mint State. OK+ VF 30-35 TO. D. MENCHELL AT 412.50

1,210.00

Ex Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 27, 1987, lot 2315).

TO D. MENCHELL

200

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

11 1785 Bust Facing Right M #4.4 C (R-5) Variety with two rosettes after "INDF". VERY GOOD-8, slightly dark with minor planchet laminations.

$30 –

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.4.4-C
CHOICE ABOUT UNCIRCULATED
EX COLONEL GREEN COLLECTION

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

526 1785 Bust Right. 4.4-C (R-4). Fine to Very Fine. Normal planchet striae. *For the variety,* a very nice specimen.

20 –

PINE TREE 'J.C. BROWN' MAY 21, 1976

500

500 **1785.M. 4. 4-C** (4-5). **Very Fine plus,** though many details are equal in sharpness to our EF E. A. C. coin. **(Photo)**

$80 –

Attractive mostly even glossy brown patina. Date and lettering readable. Streaky planchet defect nearly traverses lower obv. from left to right. Comes close to 1975 E.A.C. lot 15, an EF at $450

4.4 - C

L. MERKIN SALE SEPT 11, 1974

243

243 **1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.4-C. Rarity 4. Unc.** A magnificent specimen with full date, and all lettering, punctuation and ornamentation. The three grapevines on the shield are in full sharpness. A very light die break connects the tops of AU, and another connects the tops of IO. The die was either unfinished, or is beginning to crumble on the reverse at B and the lower dot of colon, to the shield. None of these features are mentioned by Miller. Only a few minor planchet defects in the metal, as made. Not too rare as a variety, but excessively rare in such top condition. A lovely rich light brown, with a few flashes of original mint red. **ILLUST.** $1,400.00

Superb 1785 Connecticut Copper

BOWER'S "MURRAY, SWOPE ETC" SEPT 8-11, 1985

1385 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller-3.2-L. Uncirculated,** rich glossy brown surfaces, even perhaps in the *Choice* category. Some planchet defects on the head on the obverse and at the center of the reverse, a situation not uncommon for Connecticut coppers of this date. Boldly defined devices, including the leaves and hair on the obverse and mail details, and on the reverse, the shield details (which are seldom seen). In this condition, a major rarity, a fantastic coin. Quite possibly a once in a lifetime opportunity for the Connecticut specialist.

L. MERKIN SALE FEB 12, 1972

7 — 1785 Colons in legend, as usual. Miller 4.4-C. Advanced die failures. Good or better, very defective planchet.

STACK'S SALE JAN 31, 1969

38 1785 Miller 4.4-C. Rarity 4. Mailed bust facing right. Very Fine. A lovely coin with only one minor planchet defect on the neck. Weakly struck at AUC and corresponding portion of the reverse. Over-all a very sharp specimen. A pretty light brown color. $27.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE - AUG 20, 1962

1333 1785 M.4.4-C (R-5). Very Fine, deep brown toning; weak at top obverse/bottom reverse though 5 in date is clear. Details otherwise sharp despite a couple of planchet defects. $6.10

300 —
1,400 —

Lot No. 1030

TOO WEAK

D. PARTRICK
MORE LIKE XF (WEAK)
OECHSNER
EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL"
SEPT 9, 1988

1030 **1785 Miller 4.4-C.** Mailed bust right. 138.9 grains. **Mint State,** weakly struck on a defective planchet with a defect running from the left edge into Liberty's head. Very weak at the top of the obverse and the matching area at the left part of the date and Liberty's foot. Glossy brown with some faded traces of red on the face and field. $1,540 —

STACK'S "PICKER" SALE OCT 24, 1984

146 **1785 Bust Right.** Miller 4.4-C. 129.7 grains. Very well struck and centered for a 1785 Connecticut, with excellent detail on the obverse, and in the reverse shield and drapery folds. Full sharp date and legends. Three small rim laminations. Smooth medium charcoal gray with unimpaired surfaces. The 1785 Bust Rights are scarce in top shape; the three pieces offered here represent an unusual opportunity. **A strong Very Fine.** $187 — J. SYPE - J. GOULD

PINE TREE "ELIZ MORTON" OCT 18, 1975

184 **1785.** Mailed Bust Right. **M.4.4-C (R-5). Almost Fine** with the usual planchet defects in the form of shallow striations not seriously affecting the design. Compare to lot 15 in our I. A. C. sale, an EF and second finest known at $450. $50 — ($125.-175)

4.4-C

44- MID-AMERICAN "1977 AUG SALE" AUG 21-22, 1977

12. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Fine (15/15). Miller 4.4-C, Rarity 3. Olive and tan, with some very minor planchet defects. Very pleasing.

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BOWER'S 'NEWPORT COLL" JAN 30, 1975

32 1785 Connecticut. Miller 1.1-C. Rarity 1. Bust facing right. Very Fine. Well centered, well struck, and with an abundance of die detail. Some minor inevitable planchet flaws, but fewer than usual. A very desirable specimen of this early Connecticut issue. Should sell for over the *Guide Book* value of ($80)

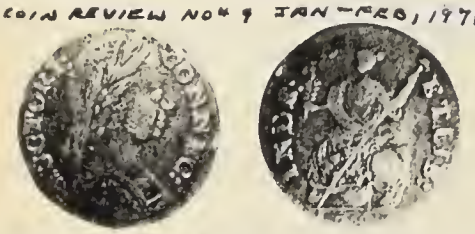
55-

$220-

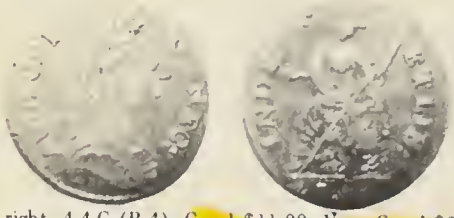
BOWER'S 'ABE KOSOFF SALE' NOV 6-8, 1985

4106 1785 Connecticut. Miller-4.1-C. Rarity-4. Very Fine. A couple of trivial edge marks on the reverse. Light striking at the right side of the reverse, as usual. Only part of the date is visible, due to the planchet size. Medium brown coloration. A very pleasing specimen of this popular variety produced during the first year of Connecticut copper issuance.

RARE COIN REVIEW NO# 9 JAN-FEB, 1971



1785 Bust rgld. 1.1-C (R-1). G $11.00. VG $17.00; VF 59.00



BOWER'S R.C.R.# APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 4.4-C (R-4). Good $11.00; Very Good $24.00; AU another coin which probably saw little actual circulation — apparent wear is undoubtedly due to striking. The best 4.4-C in our last offering was just F-VF. This AU is an exciting opportunity for the advanced specialist 295.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971

1785 Bust right. 4.4C(R-4). ~~G $11; VG $24.00~~; F-VF#12 . . 45.00

1785 Bust right. 4.4-C. (R-4). Good $11.00; VG $17.00; Fine $29.00; VF . RARE COIN REVIEW #7 . . SEPT, 1970 . . . . . 59.00

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

201 165.00 1785 M.4.4-C. Another. 121.8 grains. Deep brown obverse, lighter reverse with a glossy surface. Typical light obverse planchet striations. Mahogany overtones. Very Fine and strong for the grade. FAIR VF STRIKE

From J. Hanson, privately in 1976.

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

202 165.00 1785 M.4.4-C. A third. 135.3 grains. Light verdigris, but full date. Very Fine, deep brown fields with lighter devices. VF SPOTTED VERDIGRIS

Acquired privately in 1970.

201 202

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "CH GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

275-
360-
396.00

266 1785 CONNECTICUT M.4.4-C MBR (R-3) VF30 139.7 gns. A tricky coin to grade as the strike is so uneven. Details from center right are at least as strong as the assigned grade, probably higher. The left side though is extremely weak with AUCTORI faint and INDE virtually non existent. The planchet is far nicer than normally encountered with 1785 Connecticuts. It's a smooth medium brown or deep tan, and striations are at a bare minimum.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

4.4-C 699 (2) POOR 2
6229 (12) FINE 12
9443 (30) VERY FINE 30

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

4.4-C	1785	VF+	R5	Lamination inclusion
4.4-C	1785	VF-	R5	Verdigris; small planchet
4.4-C	1785	F+	R5	
4.4-C	1785	F-	R5	Weak strike.
4.4-C	1785	F-	R5	Dark; drips edge defect
4.4-C	1785	VG+	R5	Dark; obverse scratch;
4.4-C	1785	Poor	R5	Much circulation wear.
4.4-C	1785	VG+/VG+	R5	Tapered edge with raise
4.4-C	1785	F-/F-	R5	Surface defects, minor,
4.4-C	1785	G/G	R5	Very worn.

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990

5.1785 M.4.4-C, 138.1 grains. Fine or better details, but porous and dark, with a greenish color from burial. 30.00

4.4-C

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#5 SUMMER, 1991

16. 1785 Miller 4.4-C, Very Good, left side slightly weak. Attractive.....$29

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

18) 1785 M.4.4-C Basically Fine. Medium brown. (Late die state). Some light planchet roughness. -C

19) 1785 M.4.4-C Very Fine. Light to medium brown. (Early die state). White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

HOCH PLATE

4⁴ C

L. MERKIN SALE - OCT 31, 1973

128 — 1785 Miller 4. 4-C, Rarity. VF or better. Full date. Struck on a somewhat de-
35 fective planchet, the left side weakly struck, but the right side very sharp. Evidently little wear since the grape vines on the shield are still in evidence. A very interesting dark brown coin that should be seen to be fully appreciated.

NEW NETHERLANDS 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

324 Similar. M. 4⁴-C (Rarity 4). Better than Fine, the medium brown surfaces
24 — strongly suggesting VF. Unevenly struck as usual, particularly at left on each side; TORI: weak and INDE: gone. Planchet diffusely granular and defective to left, mostly so upon reverse. Also from the famous Dr. Hall collection (which was purchased by Carl Wurtzbach and later sold intact to Virgil Brand).

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

29. 1785. Miller 4.4-C, Breen 736. Rarity-3. Mailed Bust Right. 132.4 grains, 28.5mm. Very Fine or slightly better. A few light laminations on either side do not detract from the pleasing chocolate brown surfaces. Full legends and devices, the date area slightly weak, but complete. A scarcer issue, in finer condition than usually seen.....$149

NEW NETHERLANDS 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

21 Similar. ~~First with one quadrefoil in reverse legend and partly filled B (incor rectly called ET-LIB)~~; second with two groups of four dots after INDE. ~~M. 3⁴-F² and~~ 4⁴-C. ~~Fine for coin and~~ Good to VG; ~~the former with beautiful surfaces and superior sharpness to the Miller Plate coin~~, the latter very weakly and unevenly struck on a defective planchet. Both with light mint clips; the the second R-4. 2 Pcs.
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NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

875 1785. Bust r. M. 4⁴-C. R-4. Fully V.F. Very few planchet defects. Not known to Miller so nice. $10.00

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

403 1785 CONNECTICUT, M 4.4-C, Mailed Bust Right, R-3,
16 Good+..... (40-55)

D. LINETT SALE #2 AUG, 1985

214. As above. Miller 4.4-C. (R-5). Very Fine. Reddish-brown obverse with verdigris at the center; two-tone ebony reverse. Scarce in all grades.....$100

KAGIN'S LIST SEPT 16, 1981

1785 CONNECTICUT M.4.4-C Rarity-5 Bust right VG.....125.00

SEE STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE 3/18/93 LOT# 2093
BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988 LOT# 2466

M 4.4-C. F-12. Rarity-3. 147.9 grains. 28.1mm. 165°. Flawed;
SEE STACK'S SALE 3/21/94 #103 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT# 4.4-C. 117.3 grains. R-3: VG-8, porous and
2313 from rusted dies. Obverse scraped. Attributed by the late Richard Picker;
1 OF 4 PIECES TAYLOR

N. PULLEN LIST, 1978

1785 M 4.4-C, R4 Bust right VF(30)
Some light corrosion. $75.

BOWER'S 'SPRINGFIELD COLL' DEC 15-16, 1981

5007 ~~Group of Connecticuts:~~ (1) 1785 MBR M.4.4-C (R-4). Sharpness of
95 VG-Fine, but a few deep planchet defects; ~~(2) 1786 MBL. M.5.4-N (R-6). Fine, but dark and porous; (3) 1786 MBL. M.5.5-M (R-3). Good; (4) 1787 MBL M.11.1-E. VG; (5) 1787 DBL. M.33.13-T.1 Fine, cleaned; (6) 1787 DBL. M.33.3o-T.2. Fine-VF, granular, but very attractive.~~ (Total: 6 pieces)

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1813 1785. C. 4 (4)-C. V. Fine. **Plate.** 2⁰⁰
2080 1785. C. 4 (4) C; ~~also 5 - F~~ (5) VG. 2 pcs. .35
2162 1785. C. 4 (4)--C. ~~6 (1)-A (1)~~ G. to VG.R. 4 2 pcs. .25
.18 2081 1785. ~~C. 5 (1) - F (5)~~; 4 (4)-C, and ~~5 (2) - F (5)~~ G. & VG. 4 pcs.
.16 2083 1785. ~~C. 6 (2) - F (1)~~, 4--C; ~~6 (3) - G~~ (1)--6 ~~(4) - F~~ G. to abt. Fine. Scarce. 5 pcs.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE MARCH 18, 1993

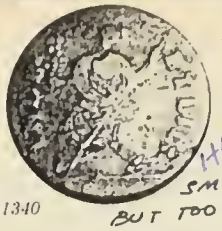
2093 **1785 M.4.4-C. MBR.** Fine. Rarity 3. 147.9 grains. Dark
30 brown. Surfaces appear hard; obverse flawed between
60 OR, across neck, reverse across upper center. Partial
66 date. States as Taylor:2315. SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT# 103
Ex Norweb Collection Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 25, 1988, part of lot 2466).

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1219 1785 ~~M.4.1-F.4. "African head." About Good, no date~~; M.4.4-C (R-4). Fair, a dig
50 on the lower right obverse; ~~M.5.1-F.5 (R-5). Good, struck on a defective plan-~~
71 ~~chet. Some obverse scratches~~. 3 pieces.

4.4-C

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991



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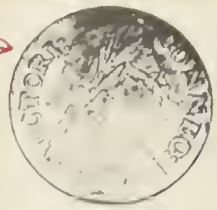

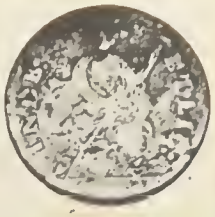

100-
100-
110 BRUISE

Lot No. 1340

SMOOTH BUT TOO DARK

259

1340 **1785** Miller 4.4-C. 154 grains. Mailed bust right, reverse legend shows crumbling at ETLIB. Well detailed, some light laminations. Deep glossy olive-brown. Very Fine.

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST FALL, 1992

*259 **1785 M.4.4-C** (R-3). MBR. 154.5 gns. Very Fine. Dark brown on both sides. Rim dent obverse 6:00; light striations on effigy's face, lower right reverse. Overall, decent eye appeal. Obverse state as Taylor:2315; reverse earlier, break at B but not IN. *$150.00*

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991, lot 1340

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 22, 1992

2467 **1785 M 4.4-C.** Mailed Bust Right. R-3. 121.8 gns. Technically Very Fine. Dark golden brown. Obverse surface rough in places, reverse fields smoother. Diagonal planchet flaws on both sides. Planchet cutter burr on obverse at 7:30, lip on reverse 10 to 12 o'clock. Die states earlier than Taylor:2315: obverse perfect; early reverse clash, INDE still full. VF OBV. STRAIE

115 50

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF' SALE JULY 22, 1992

2468 **1785 M 4.4-C.** MBR. R-3. 135.3 gns. Fine. Dark brown. Both surfaces rough, pitted. Heavy verdigris spots on both sides. Minor reverse flaw near rim at 10 o'clock. Planchet cutter lip reverse 2 to 7 o'clock. Obverse state still largely perfect; reverse clashed, DE failing. DARK

00 50

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. SALE' JULY 22, 1992

2600 **1785 M 4.4-C.** MBR. R-3. 123.4 gns. Strong Fine for the variety and its states. Light olive brown. Corrosion spots both sides, reverse flawed. Obverse center nicked. Both dies clashed, AUCTORI on obverse soft, IN full on reverse, bases of DE still strong. Partial date.

22 00

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. SALE' JULY 22, 1992

2601 **1785 M 4.4-C.** MBR. R-3. 129.8 gns. Very Good to Fine. Reddish olive brown. Annealing flaws on obverse, roller flaws on reverse. Obverse scratched. Struck from the early states of the dies, with full inscriptions on both sides. VG

17 00

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6507 Trio of 1785 Connecticut coppers, ~~each with the Mailed Bust Right obverse design ☆ M 3 2-L VG-8 Rarity-4 168 0 grains Smooth medium tan surfaces with bold full date and bold design details on the reverse, unusual for this die combination. Virtually problem-free for the grade, save for a tiny planchet flaw at the center of the obverse ☆ M 4 3-A 2 VG-8 Rarity-3 120 9 grains Uniform faint porosity on both surfaces Typical states of the dies, with wedge-shaped die break from rim to the point of the effigy's shoulder on obverse, and small, spidery breaks between LIB on the reverse~~ ☆ M 4 4-C VG-8 Rarity-3 133 1 grains Die alignment: 170°. An attractive chocolate brown specimen Pronounced planchet cutter lip on reverse from 11 00 to 2 00 From advanced state of reverse die, with die chip forming cud at the bottom of B and lowest colon dot, connecting from there to shield area An interesting group of Connecticut coppers. (Total: 3 pieces)

110

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

$114 40

7210 **1785 Connecticut copper. M 4.4-C. VF-35.** 132 4 grains Light golden brown on both sides Obverse lamination from 11:00 to 4:00 across the field; two or three shorter reverse laminations visible.

ROSA AMERICANA FALL & SPRING, 1993

50 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4 4-C, another. 122 1 grains. Very Good to Fine, full legends (though the tops of a few letters are weak), the date is extremely weak. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, another ex-Miller collection example. Though not in the highest condition, the piece is still quite pleasing in that there are no detracting marks or other problems No doubt Miller himself took great care in choosing specimens for inclusion in his collection, and his duplicates all seem to be quite choice for whatever grade level they were! $59

Part of Lot #2081 of the Miller collection ?

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'DARTMOUTH SALE' 2-20-91

6561 **Selection of Connecticut coppers:** ☆ 1785 M 4 4-C Rarity-3 126.3 grains. F-12, scratched. Flawed and clipped 1 OF 5 PIECES

148 50

ROSA AMERICANA LIST 97, AUTUMN, 1992

47. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.4-C. Rarity-3. 126.3 grains. Fine or slightly better detail, with full legends and date [though parts of a few letters are weak]. Matte-like medium brown surfaces, with the only defect of note being a small area of laminations at the center of the reverse, which affects none of the legends, and, is not all that detracting. An affordable example of the variety or type..... $69

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC. SALE" OCT 23, 1970

122 **1785 Miller 4.4-C.** ~~and that means 5-1 F-5.~~ Good. ~~Both~~ Rarity 4 Both having seen a medium amount of honest wear, he first with two small planchet defects.

27 50

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 23, 1992

☆ M 4 4-C. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 126.3 grains. Faintly granular surfaces, with central reverse planchet fissures noted for accuracy 1 OF 4 PIECES

LOT 152

D. LINETT SALE OCT 16, 1984

69 1785, 4.4-C, type as above, Very Fine with a central area of vertigree on the obverse..... 250.

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.4.4-C. Choice Fine, dark olive fields with lighter highlights, very smooth surfaces. An R-5 variety..... 100.00

4.4-C

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

923 ~~1785. M.3.4-F.1. MBR. A third. Rarity 3. Very Good/ Good. 140.7 gns. Dark brown. Obverse granular, reverse rough. Planchet cutter burrs on edge, visible at 11:00 on obverse. Square gummed collector's ticket anciently removed from center of obverse, hairlined there. "3.4-F.1" painted in yellowed white on left obverse field. Exact die states uncertain;~~ **M.4.4-C. MBR.** Rarity 3. Very Good. 116.3 gns. Dark brown. Obverse heavily striated at upper left; reverse more lightly so. Both surfaces micro granular. Die states uncertain. **2 pieces.**

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections; the first possibly ex Hall.

Hillyer Ryder was one of the major buyers at the May 29, 1920 Miller sale. In addition, he appears to have bought Connecticuts directly from Miller. Ryder was also a meticulous recorder of pedigrees. He preserved the pedigree notes of coins he bought in the Miller sale. Therefore, specimens attributable to Miller's collection that are not accompanied by a Miller sale lot number in their pedigrees did not come from that sale. They may have been purchased privately from Miller before his death in February, 1920, however.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

929 50 700 770 **1785 M.4.4-C. MBR.** Rarity 3. Fine overall, some areas technically Very Fine. 134.6 gns. Medium brown. Light flaws. Soft top reverse, base obverse, due to planchet cutter lip reverse 10-1:00. Obverse break through tops TO; reverse perfect. TO G. PERKINS

From our January 31, 1969 sale, lot 58.

EAN MAIL BID SALE MARCH 18, 1995

75 **1785 CT Copper, Miller 4.4-C, Mailed Bust Right, Extremely Fine, where struck up.** Rarity 3. Struck from dies out of parallel, with the left sides of both the obverse and the reverse appearing weak and indistinct. The right sides, on the other hand, are very strong and show little actual wear. While not quite as strong as the Taylor coin, this is an important piece nonetheless, especially because of its nice color and surface characteristics. ... **(300-450)**

M & G AUCTIONS 'L.T. SMITH SALE' JAN 7, 1995

82 46 20 1785 CONNECTICUT COPPER. M.4.4-c. About Fine. Brown with rough surfaces. The detail is good throughout, particularly on the reverse. There is a large planchet flaw at the center of the reverse, which is not odd for this issue. Aside from a very minor rim problem on the reverse K10, there are no circulation marks visible. Aside from the planchet problems that usually plague 1785 Connecticuts, this is a very decent and sharp coin. Rarity 3.

BOWER'S "SEBRING & GARBE COLL" MARCH 21, 1996

1077 1785 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Right. Miller 4.4-C. Fine or better overall, particularly on the reverse. Rarity-3. 121.8 grains Some minor porosity and flan flaws on both sides, but still fairly nice overall. Medium to deep tan.

STACK'S SALE DEC 1-2, 1993

HIGH GRADE 1785 MILLER 4.4-C

*816 250 500 320 **1785 M.4.4-C. MBR.** Rarity 3. **About Uncirculated.** 149.8 gns. Fairly even olive brown, some old greenish verdigris on the reverse. Obverse surface glossy, reverse a little rough. Light flaws and laminations both sides. A respectable example of the type.

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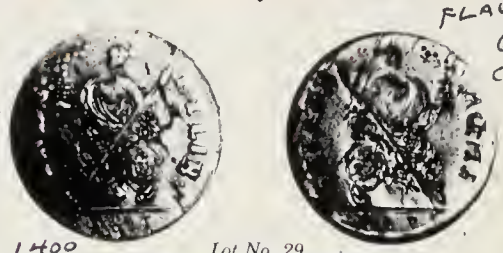
STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8 1994

FULL 1785 REVERSE C BROCKAGE

An Extremely Rare Error XF/AU FLAWED GOOD COLOR



1400 3400 BILL ANTON

Lot No. 29

29 3,740 **1785 Reverse C Full Brockage. High Rarity 7** (estimated only, we have not seen another and R-8 may not therefore be unreasonable). **Choice Extremely Fine to full About Uncirculated** but technically Unc., no signs of circulation wear. 130.5 gns. Nice, even olive brown color. Both sides striated, struck side particularly. Planchet cutter lip on struck side from 11:45 to 4:30. Incuse side oriented at perfect "medal turn" in relation to struck side. Reverse C seems perfect here so this was an early strike from the die, before it had clashed heavily with obverse 4.4 and formed "bumps" in the fields (like the piece in our September, 1993 sale, lot 929).

From New York Coin & Stamp Company's (David Proskey) June 10, 1903 sale. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot. Graded "Fair" and "Defective planchet."

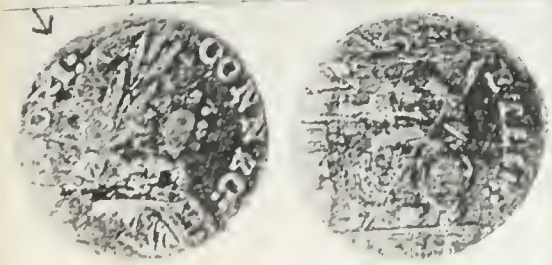
STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

13 75 90 104 **1785 M.4.4-C. MBR.** R-3. Fine. 123.5 gns. Pale olive brown on finely granular surfaces. Attribution number painted on obverse. Obverse perfect; light reverse clash around. T. TERRANOVA

Ex Dr. Hall, from a Steigerwalt lot purchased September, 1894. Round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot.

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT, 1996

3 Conn 1785 B R. M. 4.4-C R3 VG+ 122.7 grains. Brown with nice detail where not obscured by flaws. One rather large obverse flaw across neck. There are a number of lighter flaws on the upper left portion of the reverse. Obverse dig over R and slightly bent planchet. 55.00



EARLY AMERICAN HIST. AUCT. APRIL 26, 1997

549 **1785 CT Copper, Bust Facing Right, PCGS graded VF-30.** Miller 4.4-C. Rarity 3. Dark olive brown with tan high points. Softly struck on the left side of the obverse and the corresponding area on the reverse. Minor planchet flaw (as made) at top left reverse. Nice luster for the date and grade. ..... **(400-450)** 435

4.4-C

BOWERS 'M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3183 **1785 M 4.4-C.** Mailed Bust Right. VF-20. Rarity-3. 139.5 grains. Lightly porous with small, natural flan flaws on each side. Deep brown surfaces display lighter brown toning highlights on the high points.

55

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

103 **1785 M.3.4-F.2. MBR.** ET LIB. R-2. Nearly Fine. 149.5 gns. Olive brown and green on a broad flan. Lamination at 10:00 obverse rim; **M.4.4-C. MBR.** R-3. Fine. 147.9 gns. Dark brown, minor flaws, partial date; **M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** R-3. Very Fine, obverse corroded, scratched. 145.9 gns. Dark olive. Late reverse state and the sole justification for owning this coin. 3 pieces.

The second is from our March 18, 1993 sale, lot 2093; earlier, ex Norweb II, lot 2466.

40 / 70 / 135 / 165

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

14 **1785 M.4.4-C. MBR.** R-3. Rough strong Fine. 146.4 gns. Attribution number painted on obverse. Dark; **M.5-F.5. MBR.** R-4. Rough strong Fine. Attribution number painted on obverse and on small rectangular sticker on reverse. 2 pieces. R. MARTIN

85 / 90 / 99

The second with round card ticket with circle H

M.4.4-C: obverse state uncertain; reverse failing at LIB.

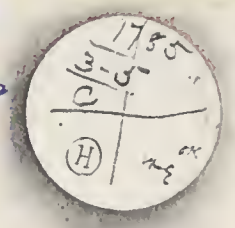
STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

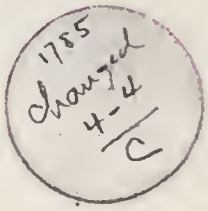
12 **1785 M.4.3-A.2. MBR.** R-3. Very Good, pale olive, collector's sticker removed from obverse. 141.0 gns. Attribution number painted on obverse. Tiny obverse cud, reverse breaks at LIB; **M.4.4-C. MBR.** R-3. Technically Fine, scratched and rough. 142.4 gns. Crosby's attribution number "3.5-C" painted on obverse. States uncertain due to surface condition. 2 pieces.

75 / 100 / 110

Both with circular card tickets with circle H.

Dr. Hall changed Crosby's 3.5 obverse attribution number to 4.4 before he wrote his manuscript section on the 1785 Connecticuts. Thus, the obverse attribution on the 4.4-C in this lot pre-dates Hall's system and shows that painting obverses was practiced before Hall's numbers became widely known. R. MARTIN





4.4-C

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1785 M.4.4-C #9443 HALL-SHUMWAY,1919.
(VF30) VERY FINE. SOME SPOTS OF GREEN VERDIGRIS.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997
245. FOUR CONNECTICUT COPPERS. 1785 M.4.4-C MBR (R-3) VG8 145.9 gns. Hard surfaces with some planchet striations, primarily on reverse. Light-brown highlights on legends & devices. Weak date.

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998
228 1785 M.4.4-C. MBR. R-3. 134.8 gns. Very Fine, with the usually seen planchet flaws that plague this number. Somewhat medium brown in color with a few redder areas suggestive of an old cleaninmg.
150 150 165
Perfect die states.

ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997
72 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.4-C. Rarity-3. 144.0 grains. Very Fine, the obverse fully of that grade level, the reverse just a bit weaker, as struck. The obverse has full, bold legends and sharp design details, including full mailing and some facial features. The reverse, as noted, is a bit weaker at the centers, resulting in Liberty's mid-section to be weak, though the rest is all there. The legends are also full, though the date is mostly off the planchet. Gorgeous medium brown surfaces, hard and somewhat glossy, and free of all but the most trivial of circulation marks or planchet striations, making for a coin with exceptional eye appeal. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the right obverse field in white ink that has yellowed with age; the writing appears to be from the hand that was once thought to have been Henry Miller's own but which now appears to have been the work of Frederick Canfield [though this is still unproven] whose mainline collection of Connecticut coppers which is now in the ANS. The left obverse field has what appears to be an "M" [for Miller], though that has been scribbled out, also in white ink! An extremely attractive example of the variety and type, with color and surfaces that are much nicer than normally found on an '85, and one of the most attractive examples that we've offered.....$129

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998
147. 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.4-C. another. 137.2 grains. Very Fine or so in terms of actual wear, a few areas stronger, a few weaker. Full, bold legends and date – the peripheries actually much stronger than usually seen! The central obverse is a bit weaker, but the effigy still has a full eye and some armor detail; the reverse Liberty is strong and boasts some folds in her dress. Medium brown surfaces with lighter devices, actually quite appealing. The obverse has a couple of minor striations, the reverse with one very thin one, far nicer than usually seen for the issues of this year. A pleasing example, one of the nicer pieces that we've seen in this grade level.....$199

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING, 1996
102 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.4-C. Rarity-3. 134.6 grains. Fine to Very Fine in terms of actual wear received, but struck on the usual problematic 1785 planchet stock. Full legends and date, a few of the letters a bit weak, but everything is readable. The planchet has a small flaw below the R of AUCTORI and a few light striations, while the reverse has a long, thin lamination from the top down through Liberty's figure. Mottled autumn leaves toning and a coin that has its own crude sort of charm. It's also quite inexpensive at just.....$39

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995
82 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.4-C. Rarity-3. 117.5 grains. Close to Very Good, probably fully of that grade level, but a bit weak at the left side of the coin. That weakness affects the TORI of AUCTORI, all of INDE and most of the date. The remaining legends and devices are sharp. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with two insignificant laminations, else quite clean. An inexpensive example of the variety.....$17

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994
94 1785 Connecticut, Miller 4.4-C, another. 122.1 grains. Very Good, full legends (though the tops of a few letters are weak), the date is extremely weak. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, again in white ink that has started to yellow with age. Though not in the highest condition, the piece is still quite pleasing in that there are no detracting marks or other problems. WAS $59.....NOW $39

4.4-C

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

A SUPERB MILLER 4.4-C

~~Probable Second Finest Known~~ balderdash!

With Incredible Color and Surfaces!

146. 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.4-C. Rarity-3. 140.1 grains. Choice About Uncirculated. An incredible coin, in an unheard-of condition for ANY 1785 issue. Boldly struck, with all the legends and date sharp and full, and with extremely sharp design details on either side, including all the hair and mailing detail on the obverse effigy and the folds in Liberty's dress on the reverse. If the strike alone weren't enough to lift this coin into the realm of the extraordinary, the color is a glossy light brown, with a slightly darker area at the top left reverse. There is one small hairline striation at the top of the reverse, and one on the obverse from the second N of CONNEC across the lower part of the bust – quite shallow and not the least detracting from the overall eye appeal of the coin. Given that the 1785 issues are routinely found on heavily flawed and fissured planchet stock, this coin is actually amazingly clean for the type. A simply gorgeous example of a 1785 Connecticut, and one of the nicest of ANY variety that we have ever seen for this year. This one is assuredly high in the Condition Census for the issue, ranking just below the Oechsner piece which was technically Uncirculated but which was weakly struck and had some planchet flaws; this coin has a lot more eye appeal than that specimen. The EAC '75 coin was from the Stepney Hoard, called EF+ in that sale but probably a Choice AU as well, and indeed quite similar in overall appearance to the coin offered here. Everything else has been in distinctly lower grade: the Taylor coin was a nice VF/EF coin that was called "Probable Condition Census" and somehow graded a full AU in Stack's sale of January, 1992 where it realized $1100. No EF examples have appeared at auction other than the aforementioned Taylor coin, while solid VF examples were found in New Netherlands 51st sale, Picker, the second Perkins offering, Hessberg and Stack's September, 1993 sale [this last one at $770]; Norweb's was just a Fine. Although the Oechsner coin is technically a bit nicer than this, we like the eye appeal of this coin much more overall, and we suspect that this one will rank as the second finest known example of the variety. Not only is it an incredible example of the variety, it is one of the most pleasing examples of ANY 1785 issue that we have ever seen. Coins like this were rare four decades ago when only a handful of people were actively pursuing the series; in today's heated market they can lift a collection from the ordinary to the extraordinary and always seem to set new price levels when sold at auction. Here is a coin for the specialist, one that will never have to be upgraded and one that will remain a centerpiece of even the most advanced collection of Connecticut coppers. It won't last at just.....$1999

EX. STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 199 LOT #113 AS VERY FINE OVERALL AT $467.50

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

113 **1785 M.4.4-C.** Mailed Bust Right. R-3. 140.3 gns. Very Fine, overall, sharpness of a higher grade in places. Good and fairly even golden brown color. Diagonal planchet flaws: obverse from rim through left stand of second N, fading out in the center; reverse through head, reaching to pole. Metal retention flaw on reverse rim at 11 o'clock. Planchet cutter lip reverse from 5:30 to 8 o'clock. Obverse state as the Taylor coin's, spidery break through most letters in AUCTORI; reverse appears later than that coin, B now obscured by the break. OK COLOR

400-
425-
467.50

A metal retention flaw results from planchet metal sticking to the die's surface as the die is retracted away from the struck coin. The small area of planchet metal, which may bear part of an impression from the die, moves with the die, then falls back onto the planchet surface from which it came. The result is what looks like a part of the design moved from its ordinarily expected position. One almost thinks that one has found a new die variety! This phenamenon of metal retention is seen more often on Continental Currency coins than on Connecticut coppers, but even there it is a rare occurrence. Jim Spilman, of Colonial Newsletter fame, first brought the retention flaw to wider numismatic attention.

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #13 LOT #146 AS CHOICE AU AT $1,999 –

4.4-C

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

A SUPERB MILLER 4.4-C

Probable Second Finest Known
With Incredible Color and Surfaces!

119. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 4.4-C. Rarity-3. 140.1 grains. Choice About Uncirculated. An incredible coin, in an unheard-of condition for ANY 1785 issue. Boldly struck, with all the legends and date sharp and full, and with extremely sharp design details on either side, including all the hair and mailing detail on the obverse effigy and the folds in Liberty's dress on the reverse. If the strike alone weren't enough to lift this coin into the realm of the extraordinary, the color is a glossy light brown, with a slightly darker area at the top left reverse. There is one small hairline striation at the top of the reverse, and one on the obverse from the second N of CONNEC across the lower part of the bust – quite shallow and not the least detracting from the overall eye appeal of the coin. Given that the 1785 issues are routinely found on heavily flawed and fissured planchet stock, this coin is actually amazingly clean for the type. A simply gorgeous example of a 1785 Connecticut, and one of the nicest of ANY variety that we have ever seen for this year. This one is assuredly high in the Condition Census for the issue, ranking just below the Oecshner piece which was technically Uncirculated but which was weakly struck and had some planchet flaws; this coin has a lot more eye appeal than that specimen. The EAC '75 coin was from the Stepney Hoard, called EF+ in that sale but probably a Choice AU as well, and indeed quite similar in overall appearance to the coin offered here. Everything else has been in distinctly lower grade: the Taylor coin was a nice VF/EF coin that was called "Probable Condition Census" and somehow graded a full AU in Stack's sale of January, 1992 where it realized $1100. No EF examples have appeared at auction other than the aforementioned Taylor coin, while solid VF examples were found in New Netherlands 51st sale, Picker, the second Perkins offering, Hessberg and Stack's September, 1993 sale [this last one at $770]; Norweb's was just a Fine. Although the Oecshner coin is technically a bit nicer than this, we like the eye appeal of this coin much more overall, and we suspect that this one will rank as the second finest known example of the variety. Not only is it an incredible example of the variety, it is one of the most pleasing examples of ANY 1785 issue that we have ever seen. Coins like this were rare four decades ago when only a handful of people were actively pursuing the series; in today's heated market they can lift a collection from the ordinary to the extraordinary and always seem to set new price levels when sold at auction. Here is a coin for the specialist, one that will never have to be upgraded and one that will remain a centerpiece of even the most advanced collection of Connecticut coppers. It won't last at just.....$1799

EX STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997 LOT #113 AS VF AT $467.50

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

120. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 4.4-C, another. 134.6 grains. Very Good, some details a bit sharper. The legends are full, a few letters faint, but visible with patience; the date is mostly obscured. Decent central detail for the grade. Medium brown planchet, with some light roughness and a couple of hairline scratches visible under magnification but with better eye appeal than expected for the grade. A decent example of an '85 issue, free of the planchet laminations that are usually found for the year. Also, not a bad price, as it's just.....$69

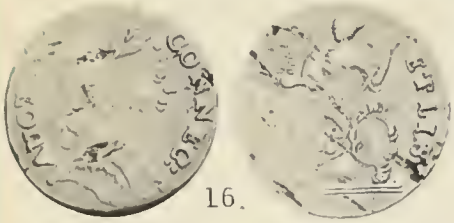
4.4-D

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

16 **1785. M. 4.4–D.** R–6. Same obv., much later state; rev. later used with all the Mailed Bust Left obverses. **Almost impossible to grade, this has some details of VF or better sharpness, others very weak from die failure** and/or inadequacy of striking force from the press—RI and IND not visible. Surfaces suggest a grade of at least VF despite a few scattered flan defects; light reddish brown. **Very rare, no auction record in many years,** none in the Bowers lists in any grade; even ANS's is wretchedly weak. Obverse die failure is thought to account for prompt discard and consequent rarity of this variety. **(Photo)** $220 **($300.–up)**

$220

EAC '75



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1785 M 4.4.-D

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

UNEVEN STRIKE GOOD COLOR

EAC '75

TAYLOR

$467.50 ABT G/VF+

2316 **1785 Connecticut. M 4.4-D. Mailed Bust Right.** 137.3 grains. R-7. 140°. VF-20. As the Pine Tree cataloguer noted when he described this piece, it is almost impossible to grade, but the sharpness of the struck-up areas on the obverse and reverse suggests the grade, or one close to that, we have ascribed to the piece. A few scattered striations, primarily on the reverse, do not seriously alter the grade of the piece. Most detail of the vines in the reverse shield is visible.

From the Pine Tree/E.A.C. Convention Sale, February 1975. Lot 16.

Comparing this 4.4-D with the 4.4-C in the preceding lot, it appears that obverse 4.4 may have been damaged early in its life by clashing with the reverse without an intervening planchet. Certainly, the weakness in the RI in the obverse legend of the 4.4-C described previously has here progressed to include parts of the T of that word along with most of the upper portion of the effigy's head, back of head, and wreath detail. It would be logical to suppose that 4.4-C was struck before 4.4-D, as 4.4-C is now an R-3, whereas 4.4-D is a full R-7 variety at present.

Regarding rarity, as we mentioned in our introduction to the Connecticut coppers, rarity values can change significantly over time. For example, the 4.4-D specimen here described was given an R-6 in the Pine Tree E.A.C. Sale catalogue, while today we recognize it as a full R-7. Reading Miller's description of the Connecticut coppers, we see that he ascribed 4.4-C and 4.4-D a full R-4 (corresponding to R-6 on the Sheldon scale), while today we recognize that 4.4-C is much more common than 4.4-D. As the years go by, and more collectors become interested in Connecticut coppers, and more low-grade varieties are carefully examined, we can expect further changes in the rarity ratings.

PINE TREE 'J.C. BROWN' MAY 21, 1976

501 **1785. M. 4. 4-D** (R-6) **This came to us as VG, though it's difficult to grade, as some regions approach VF sharpness, while others are barely Good due to die failure.** HALL–BRAND

$55-

Date partly readable. Some roughness of rim below bust and corresponding area of rev.; two fairly noticeable planchet flaws on rev. Miller attribution neatly penned in white ink, in museum fashion, on the edge. Compare 1975 E. A. C. sale lot 16 at $220.

BOWER'S "L. HEWITT SALE" NOV 14, 1984

2738 1785 Connecticut. Miller 4.4D. Bust facing right. Good to Very Good. Some planchet fissures on reverse. 148.50

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

20) 1785 M.4.4-D Fair-2/Abt Good-3 Weakly and unevenly struck obscuring "TORI" on obverse and "INDE" on reverse. Some old parallel scratches across obverse. White ink attribution in obverse field. (No Provenance)

4.4-D

1785 M.4.4-D Details Sharp Very Fine Or Better. Surfaces Mostly Dark And Range From Fairly Hard To A Fine Porosity. Possibly Once Buried.
Mark Poulin Collection Feb 23. 1993

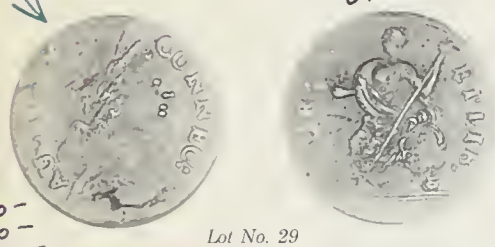
STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

1785 MILLER 4.4-D

High Rarity 7

The Finest Known to Us

TOO DARK
UNEVEN STRIKE



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Lot No. 29

29 **1785 M.4.4-D. MBR. R-7+. Very Fine** for sharpness where the dies were not failing; elsewhere, sharpness ranges from About Good to F. M.4.4-D was struck from dies axially misaligned and the inscriptions at the upper left obverse, lower left reverse rims are indistinct. This can be seen in the EAC-Taylor plates, for example. 139.8 gns. Dark olive-brown and green in color. Partial planchet cutter lip at top of reverse. Both surfaces are quite granular and the rims have a few small flaw specks. However, the surfaces are remarkably clean for an M.4.4-D: there is only one serious flaw, below the effigy's shoulder, quite unlike the heavily flawed EAC coin and the counterstamped one in our March, 1994 sale. Judging by the specimens we have actually seen, this one is easily the **Finest Known** of the four we have traced: ANS (Fair/About Good); EAC '75 to Taylor:2316 (Very Fine); and Stack's March 1995 (Technical Very Fine). There is no M.4.4-D in the Barnsley/CNL, Hall-Shumway-CSL, or Ryder-Boyd Primary collections. Miller didn't have one. Even the indefatigable Dr. Hall had seen only two specimens, both in low grades. This variety used to be rated as R-8 but we have seen four distinct pieces now, so R-7+ is better. Die states as the Taylor coin's, the reverse badly beaten up through use and its condition accounting for most of the surface irregularity visible.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

1785 MILLER 4.4-D

Possibly High Rarity 7

DECENT

SMALL DING

Lot No. 105

105 **1785 M.4.4-D. MBR. R-7 (traditional, possibly actually High R-7).** Sharpness of Strong Fine in places. 143.7 gns. Olive tan, reverse a tad darker. Obverse lateral flaw below ribbons to below final colon; reverse rough at feet, date gone, minor linear flaws scattered about this side. Boldly counterstamped center of obverse "D.C P" in a prepared, serrate punch (see the 1785 Vermont R-4, below, for another state's copper with the same counterstamp). **Extremely rare:** this is only the fourth we have recorded (ANS, Taylor:2316, the 1975 EAC coin looks like the finest.) Missing from the Mitchelson/Connecticut State Library (Hall-Schumway) Collection as well as the Barnsley Reference/CNL Collection and the Ryder-Boyd primary collection. Missing, as well, from Miller's own sale. Hall had seen only two specimens and he graded his "Poor." Despite the counterstamp, an important opportunity for the variety hunter.

1800 –
2100 –
2310 –

4.4-D

1785 4.4-D Bijan Anvar Collection, Ex Ebay #8377020570 1/31/06
Abt Good Overall, Planchet Defects Obverse and Reverse

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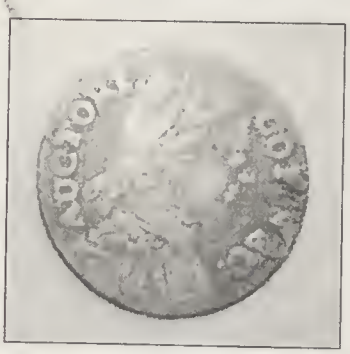
M.4.4-D

1785 4.4-D Reported By Byron Weston on the Yahoo Colonial Coin Site 4/8/07



LOT # 103

- DANIELSON HOARD (2 MORE), CNL 113, APRIL 2000
- EBAY 3/8/13 VF UNEVEN STRIKE

4.4-D

1785 4.4-D Anthony Terranova Collection Via Tom Rinaldo Circa 2004
Very Fine, Even Brown Color, Laminations On Obverse and Reverse

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

5.1-F.5 -- Should be changed to 5-F.5 (see 5.2-F.5 in DELETIONS

5 - F. 5

5-F.5

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MARCH, 1964 P. 26

F. A. Canfield and H. Ryder pointed out that obverses 5.1 and 5.2 were actually the same die, the former being only a late state of the latter, not a different die. (Additions and Corrections, P. 4). Therefore, 5-F.5 is substituted in place of the two Miller combinations, 5.1-F.5 and 5.2-F.5.

5.1-F.5
5.2-F.5

FINEST KNOWN

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

17 **1785. M. 5-F.5.** R-5. Beginning of what is later a vertical column of die defects between chin and mail; lower dot more than half overlapping hair; triple-cut 1 in date, no feet—only stumps below drapery. The variety formerly called "M5.2-F.5". **Better than Extremely Fine, actually nearer to AU; rosy lustrous light olive mostly representing mint surface, faded mint red around letters.** The few planchet defects are mostly at rims and are completely trivial. **An incredible coin, by far the finest known;** the Miller, ANS, Hoch Plate, Appleton-MHS (1970), Vlack Plate, New Netherlands 51st, and Merkin coins are not even close. Apparently T. L. Craige collection, via Bowers, April 1972, originally from the Stepney Hoard when the absolute cream was first sold before the 1951 inventory was made. **Overall one of the finest 1785 Connecticuts known to us from any dies; worth the attention of the most fastidious perfectionist.** $550 **(Photo) ($425.-up)**

$550

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

527 1785 Bust Right. 5.1-F.5 (R-4). Fine to Very Fine, the obverse being deserving of the latter grade. Small "X" scratched years ago into reverse field, otherwise quite select. A far above average specimen.

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MILLER PLATE

5¹—F⁵

SEE H.C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

FINE IRIDESCENCE

NORWEB

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

2469 1785 Connecticut. M 5-F.5. VF-20. Rarity-4. 146.1 grains. 28.3mm. 170°. Sharpness of VF-20 to VF-30 in some areas. Rich, golden brown with iridescence on the obverse. Early obverse state, earlier than Taylor 2317. Minor rim clip at 11:30 on the obverse. *Purchased between 1913-1915.*

$121 -

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

GOOD DETAIL BIT DARK

TO A. TERRANO A

TAYLOR

2317 1785 Connecticut. M 5-F.5. Draped Bust Right. 148.0 grains. Rarity-4. VF-20. Somewhat soft in the center of the obverse, a result of early die damage. Dark brown planchet verging on black in places. Early obverse die state, with the crack running from the effigy's chin to its breast, noticeable only for the lower half of its length.

5-F.5 is the new numbering given to the two varieties of Obverse 5 designated M originally as 5.1 and 5.2. It is now recognized that 5.1 and 5.2 are early and later states of the same obverse die. Interestingly, 5.2 (the variety offered here) is earlier than 5.1. Notice the progression of the die break beneath the effigy's chin; [illegible] ample of 5-F.5 to follow in the next lot.

$220 -

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

GOOD COLOR SMOOTH

VF(30-40)

TAYLOR

2318 1785 Connecticut. M 5-F.5. Draped Bust Right. 139.9 grains. Rarity-4. EF-40. Smooth, medium chocolate brown with just a small striation on the upper portion of the obverse. The break noticeable here running from the effigy's chin to his breast is in a more advanced state than seen on the specimen in the preceding lot. Under Miller's descriptions this specimen would be classified as 5.1-F.5. This variety is occasionally found in grades of EF-40 although it is commonly found in lower grades.

$275 -

BOWER'S '1st NAT'L BANK DENVER' JUNE 22-23, 1987

2027 1785 Connecticut. Miller 5-F.5. 143.9 grains. Rarity-4. VG-8. Porous planchet. Whether this corresponds to the older 5.1 or 5.2 numbering is uncertain due to the heavy porosity.

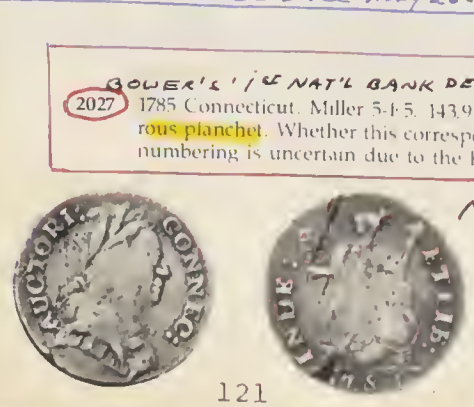
BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2319 1785 Connecticut. M 5-F.5. Mailed Bust Right. 143.9 grains. Rarity-4. VG-8. Planchet very porous, making absolute identification as 5.1 uncertain; the die break is not distinct and this may well correspond to Miller's old 5.2 numbering. TAYLOR

$33

DARK ROUGH

MHS



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STACKLE "MASS. HIST. SOC. OCT 23, 1970

121 1785 Miller 5.1-F.5. V[illegible] [illegible] dark brown. PLATE $35 —

5-F.5

VLACK PLATE (1965)
5-F.5

Lot No. 16

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988 / FAIR/OK VF DEFECT ON EDGE

16 **1785 Draped Bust Right.** Miller 5-F.5. Soft at the neck as usual, white ink identification on edge. A splendid example, even light brown, well centered and struck. **Very Fine.** $330 —

STACK'S "H. BAREFORD" SALE OCT 22, 1981

10 1785 Mailed Bust Right. Maris 5.1-F.5. Usual die break from chin to mail. Evenly struck and centered. Smooth light brown surfaces. Very Fine. $320 —
A. FERRANOVA — D. MENCHELL
Ex Dr. Hall Collection New Netherlands, lot 65, October 25, 1981

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

65 **1785.** Bust right. Rev. One quatrefoil in legend. **Miller 5-F5.** (Westville Mint.) 19 Extremely Fine; a somewhat lustrous light olive with darker mottlings (represented partly by a rich reddish patination). Fairly early state of dies. Very scarce as a variety; rare so fine. **($32.50)**
The above was formerly designated M. 5¹-F⁵, but Miller obverse 5² is now known to be a weak striking from the same die before it broke.

HERITAGE SALE MAY 18-19, 1984

376 ~~1785 Connecticut Mailed Bust Right. Miller 2-A.1. (R-3). Somewhat porous. FINE (12).~~ 1785 Connecticut. Miller 5.F-8. (R-5). Mailed Bust Right. Nice chocolate brown VF. ~~1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-G. (R-2). Mailed Bust Left. Clean and evenly worn VF. 1788 Connecticut. Miller 2-D. (R-1). Mailed Bust Right. VF.~~ (Total: 4 coins)

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

OECHSNER
NICE COLOR
BASICALLY XF
LATE DIE STATE

200-
550-

Lot No. 1031

R. MARTIN

1031 **1785 Miller 5-F.5.** Draped bust right. (R-4). 139.5 grains. **Very Fine,** perhaps a bit better but flatly struck from the shoulder to hair and on the matching reverse area. Full date. Advanced state of the dies, the break line from the chin to breast complete. Medium brown toning, glossy surfaces.
$605 —

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988 (LOT # 1021) Miller 5-F.5. (R-4). 160.8 grains. Very Good, off-center a bit but with full date. Light tan with darker areas around the devices. 3 pieces.
LOT BROUGHT $330 — 1 OF 3 PIECES

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986

1334 1785 M.5-F.5 (R-5). Fine, weak strike at centers; light brown toning, full date. A couple of old scratches on obverse.
55

MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

168 1785 Bust right. 5² F5 (R4) Very Good Piece missing from Planchet lower left reverse $6 —

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

2390 1785 Lot of 2 Cents, Miller 5-F.5, (R-4), Fine ~~and a Miller 4-L, "Horn Bust", Choice Fine+.~~ The former, having a planchet striation from the ear to the edge at 11 o'clock on the obverse, and being medium to dark mahogany brown in color.

BOWER'S "NEWPORT COLL" JAN 30, 1975

33 1785 Connecticut. Miller 5.1-F.5. Rarity 1. African Head style.
65 — Very Fine. Attractive and desirable.

BOWER'S "SCOTT SALE" JUNE 5-7, 1975

79 Pair of Connecticut coppers: (1) 1785 bust right. Miller 5.1-F.5. Rarity 4. EF; some planchet flaws; 1 OF 2 PIECES

BOWER'S "BARTLETT SALE" NOV 20, 1979

2094 1785 Connecticut. Mailed bust right. Miller 5.1-F.5. VG-8, gray color, light porosity.
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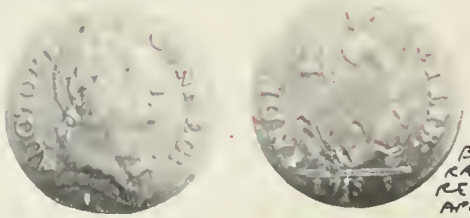
BOWER'S RCR #7 SEPT, 1970

RCR #7 JAN, 1971

1785 Bust right. 5-F.5. (R-4). VG $19.00; Fine $27.00; VF 49.00



BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 5.1-F.5 (R-4). Very Good $24.00; Fine $35.00; Very Fine $65.00; VF-EF $99.00; Extremely Fine 165.00

5-F.5

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY FOUNDATION) 1989

5-F.5		1785	VF-	R5	Weak strike; obverse pl
5-F.5		1785	VF-/F+	R5	Surface defect, minor,
5-F.5		1785	F+/F-	R5	Defective planchet
5-F.5		1785	VG/G	R5	Late obverse strike
5-F.5		1785	F-/F-	R5	Late obverse strike
5-F.5		1785	F+/F+	R5	
5-F.5		1785	VG+/VG+		Contemporaneous counterfeit
5-F.5	?	1785	VG/VG		CONN C't ft
5-F.5	?	1785	VG-/VG-		CONN C't ft
5-F.5	?	1785	P/P		CONN C t ft
5-F.5	?	1785	VG/G		CONN C t ft

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
5-F.5 9445 (8) VERY GOOD 8

ANA MUSEUM, 1989
1785 Copper VG 8.87g 180° Miller 5 ~~2~~-F.5 (R4)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

21) 1785 M.5.1-F.5 Extremely Fine. Rim defect and crack at 7:30 on obverse. Small defect at foot on reverse figure. Medium brown. -C

22) 1785 M.5.1-F.5 Very Good (7-8) Some thin planchet cracks across obverse field. Mottled tan color. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

HOCH PLATE/ANS

5 F5

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

129 — 1785 Miller 5-F.5. Rarity 4. Nice Fine. Well struck and fairly well centered with only the very bottoms of the date off the planchet. Some roughness in the neck and field but no damages or planchet flaws. A somewhat brassy color. Another one that should be seen.
30

STACK'S "FOREMAN SALE" MAY 4, 1989 1 OF 2 PIECES OTHER 4-L FINE

1205 1785 Miller 5-F.5 (R-4). Fine, planchet flaw diagonally on head and light corrosion at left reverse. Bottoms of date off the flan. Very early die state of the obverse, tiny raised dots near the bust where the later massive break would take place;
$93.50

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

57 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 5-F.5. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 4. 161.1 grains. Fine or better, the somewhat porous surfaces do not detract from the mostly medium brown color. The obverse die was slightly misaligned, although all of the legends are on the planchet. An attractive specimen of a scarce variety. EX. OECHINER LOT #1021 ..... $99

Very early die state, with the obverse die break from the effigy's chin to his breast just beginning to form as a tiny break slightly above the mail.

Interestingly enough, the present specimen is almost 10% heavier than the authorized weight of 150.0 grains!

57

NEW NETHERLAND'S 34TH SALE OCT 5, 1951

38 — 1785. Conn. Cent. Africon head. Miller-Ryder 5² F⁵. Rority 4. Very Fine and desirable. 3.50

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

876 1785. Bust r. M. 5¹-F⁵. R-4. Almost Ex. Fine. With a serious obverse flan flaw, but unusually nice. $11.50

NEW NETHERLAND'S 44TH SALE JUNE 23, 1954

43 Connecticut Cents. 1785. Bust right; ~~Miller 4¹-D~~, 5¹-F⁵. ~~African head; M. 4¹-F⁴~~. Very Good, the first ~~two~~ on poor planchets, ~~the last slightly mutilated~~. The second has a completely clear date, and is from the very rare unbroken die. 3 Pcs. 4.25

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

10 1785 ~~Bust Facing Right M #4.3-D (R-4) GOOD-4~~; Bust Facing Right M #5-F.5 (R-5) GOOD-6. (Lot of 2 pieces).
$30-

5 - F.5

EAN FIXED LIST, JUNE 1989

15. 1785 CT, Miller 5-F.5, (R-4), Fine. One planchet striation from the ear to the edge at 11:00 on the obverse. Medium to dark mahogany.....$165.

BOWERS NORWES SALE MAR 25, 1988
LOT# 2466 M 5-F.5. G-4/AG-3. Rarity-4. 150.0 grains. 28.5mm. 170°. Later obverse state than Lot 2469 below, but not as late as Taylor: 2318. Reverse state earlier than the Taylor coin; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986
2716 Quartette of Connecticut coppers. (1). 1785 M 5-F.5. VF-20, or dark, streaky, and porous planchet; (2). ~~1785. M 6.4 I. Fine-12 obverse VG-8 reverse; (3). 1786. M 4.1-G. Fine-15, scratched; (4). 1786 M 5.1-G. Fine-12.~~ (Total: 4 pieces) 121 —

HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-29, 1920
ALSO SEE MILLER PLATE

1814	1785.	C. 5 (1), F. (5), VG. .25
1815	1785.	5 (2)-F (5). VGood. .50
2081	1785.	C. 5-(1)--F (5); ~~4 (4) C,~~ and 5 (2)--F (5) G. & VG. 4 pcs. .25
2080	1785.	~~C. 4 (4) C~~; also 5 - F (5) VG. 2 pcs. .35

STACK'S SALE "JUNE 27-28, 1975
30 1785 ~~6 Connecticut. Miller 3.4-F.2 (R.3)~~, Miller 5.1-F.5 (R.4), ~~and 1786 Miller 5.5-M (R.3)~~. All well centered with full dates and legends. Even moderate wear. Good. 3 pieces.
37.50

STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7-8, 1979
525 1785 ~~A lot of three varieties, all Mailed Bust Right. M.3.1-L (R-4). Very Fine, planchet defect at the rim, and CTOR incused on the reverse; M.4.1-F.4 (R-1), the "African Head." Good, date missing;~~ M.5-F.5 (R-5). Fine, some obverse scratches. 3 pieces. 160 —
160 —

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988
1219 1785 ~~M.4.1-F.4. "African head." About Good, no date, M.4.4-C (R-4). Fair, a dig on the lower right obverse;~~ M.5.1-F.5 (R-5). Good, struck on a defective planchet. Some obverse scratches. 3 pieces.
71.50

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC. SALE" OCT 23, 1970
122 1785 Miller ~~4.4-C, and duplicate~~ 5.1-F.5. Good. ~~Both~~ Rarity 4. ~~Both having seen a~~ medium amount of honest wear, ~~the first with two small planchet defects,~~ the other with only one minor defect. 1 OF 2 PIECES
27.50

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991
AMAZING MINT STATE MILLER 5-F.5

SEE STACKS SALE 1/13/93 LOT# 972 AT $600 — OBV. VERY DERELICTIVE — TECHNICALLY FINEST? SEE STACKS SALE 3/22/94 LOT# 106

300-
1000-
$1,100 BOOK
XF/AU
50-50
HESSBERG

Lot No. 1341

1341 1785 Miller 5.1-F.5 (R-4). 134 grains. Draped bust right, a remarkable coin in full Mint State with traces of red lustre around devices. Struck on a planchet showing decided obverse lamination, its reverse almost free of these planchet-rolling defects. Early die state without die crack at chin, two extra raised lines in field over head. Full head on Liberty, two clear grape vines on shield, bold double exergue line. Reverse displays much lustre. This coin is certainly among the finest known of its variety. Mint State. XF/AU

STACKS F.P.L. FALL 1991 LOT# 31 1,375.00 (PLATE)

BOWERS "FRONTENAC SALE" NOV 20, 1991
328 Date set of scarce Connecticut copper varieties: ☆ 1785 M 5-F.5. Rarity-4. VF-20, some light scratches. 129.6 grains ☆ ~~1786 M 1-A. Rarity 5. F-12, porous. Obverse clipped at 11:00. 70.5 grains, lowest weight recorded by the present writer ☆ 1787 M 34 ff.1. Rarity 5. ET LIR variety. F-15 to VF-20. 151.8 grains ☆ 1788 M 3 B.1. Rarity 5. F-15, scratched. 113.4 grains. Overstruck on a 1785 Constellatio Nova copper.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)
385.00

BOWERS "SOMERSET SALE" MAY 25, 1992
151 Another 1785 Connecticut copper trio: ☆ ~~M 3.4 F.2. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-2. 126.9 grains. ET LIR variety ☆ M 4.1 F.4. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. 132.7 grains. African Head variety. Some striking weakness at the peripheries, lightly granular surfaces.~~ ☆ M 5-F.5. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-4. 151.1 grains. From an early obverse state, with crack just beginning at effigy's bust. Planchet crack and fissure at 7:00 on obverse, through to reverse in corresponding position as struck. (Total: 3 pieces)
220.00 BIC

CRAIG A. WHITFORD SALE NOV 23, 1991
849. 1785 Connecticut. M. 5-F.5. Draped bust right. VG, medium brown, planchet flaw at K-8 rev.
40 —

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1986

2. 1785 Bust Right, M.5-F.5. Very Fine, dark brown with some minor obverse striations and light granularity. Well struck, especially on the reverse, which displays a bold date and many fine details..... 125.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST. 1979?

1785 Bust Right, M. 5-F.5, (R-5), VF/Fine, well-struck and centered, dark brown, small planchet defect on obverse, nice surfaces...50.00.

5-F.5

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. SALE' JULY 22, 1983

2602 **1785 M 5.5-F.5.** MBR. R-4. 143.9 gns. Sharpness of Choice Fine where fully struck up. Centers soft, fields very granular. Reddish brown. Scratched from a harsh cleaning. Early obverse state, the break from chin to mail here just a few unconnected dots of metal. Equivalent to Miller's obverse 5.1, the early state of the die.
22.00 SCRATCHED UGH!

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2094 **1785 M.5-F.5. MBR.** Fine. Rarity 4. 132.4 grains. Golden brown. Surfaces mostly hard. Old, faint obverse scratches. States as Taylor:2318, with the obverse break chin to chest well developed.
50/ 50/ 55

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, FALL 1992

1785 MILLER 5.1-F.5

High Condition Census

EX. HESSBERG

No. 260

260 **1785 M.5.1-F.5** (R-4). MBR. 134.9 gns. **Choice About Uncirculated,** in terms of overall sharpness and degree of wear. **Mint red** still remains in the protected areas of the legends on both sides. **High Condition Census** for sharpness, finer than the Oechsner coin, for example. Light golden brown obverse, reverse pink and brown. Obverse surface uniformly flawed, the strip that was cut for this planchet was not adequately scraped and pickled after annealing. Reverse state about equivalent to Taylor:2317; obverse earlier, the break under the effigy's chin here a series of unconnected dots. A coin for the Connecticut specialist. *$1,500.00*

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991, lot 1341.

STACK'S SALE JAN 13-14, 1993

1785 MILLER 5.1-F.5

High Condition Census

EX. HESSBERG

FPL 1500 / XF/AU 50-50 XF

750-800

Lot No. 972

972 **1785 M.5.1-F.5.** Rarity 4. Mailed Bust Right. 134.9 gns. **Choice About Uncirculated,** in terms of overall sharpness and degree of wear. **Mint red** still remains in the protected areas of the legends on both sides. **High Condition Census** for sharpness, finer than the Oechsner coin, for example. Light golden brown obverse, reverse pink and brown. Obverse surface uniformly flawed, the strip that was cut for this planchet was not adequately scraped and pickled after annealing. Reverse state about equivalent to Taylor:2317; obverse earlier, the break under the effigy's chin here a series of unconnected dots. A coin for the Connecticut specialist.
880.00

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991, lot 1341. 1,100 — BK

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

1785 MILLER 5-F.5

The Hessberg Coin

Lot No. 106

106 **1785 M.5-F.5. MBR.** R-4. **Choice About Uncirculated.** 134.9 gns. **Mint red** still remains in the protected areas on both sides. **High Condition Census** for sharpness, finer than the Oechsner coin, for example. Light golden brown obverse, reverse pink and brown. Obverse surface uniformly flawed, the strip that was cut for this planchet was not adequately scraped and pickled after annealing. A coin for the Connecticut specialist.
300/ 525 575

From our January 13, 1993 sale, lot 972; earlier, from our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 19, 1991, lot 1341.

Reverse state about equivalent to Taylor:2317; obverse earlier, the break under the effigy's chin here still a series of unconnected dots.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.5-F.5
Fine

5-F.5

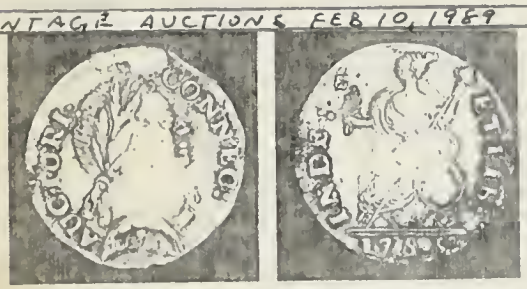
E.A.N. (LINNETT) 'ORLANDO SALE AUG 9, 1992

62 **1785 Cent, Miller 5-F.5, Bust Right, Choice Very Fine-30.** Rarity-4. An exceptionally pleasing and sharply struck specimen with lots of sharp hair detail, but somewhat weaker below the face and at the central reverse areas, as always. Extremely clear date and devices are highlighted by its lovely medium to light tan color and far above average smooth surfaces. A very pleasing example. ... .(250-350)

EAN MAIL BID SALE MAR 18, 1995

76 **1785 CT Copper, Miller 5-F.5, Draped Bust Right, Fine or better.** Rarity-4. Deep brown, with scattered areas of darker color. Early die state, similar to Taylor:2317 and not as advanced as Taylor:2318. Minimal surface granularity on both sides. ....(100-200)

VINTAGE AUCTIONS FEB 10, 1989



1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 5-F.5, Rarity 4. Very Fine/20. Compares favorably with Taylor:2317. Light tan and brown, with a few minor planchet imperfections. Well above average for the issue.

BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

2234 1785 M 5-F.5. Mailed Bust Right. F-15. Rarity-4. 144.0 grains. Sharpness approaching a higher grade in areas, but faint surface scratches seen on both sides. Medium tan and darker brown highlights. Early obverse die state, with lower half of obverse crack extending vertically from effigy's breastplate.

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STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

107 **1785 M.5-F.5. MBR.** R-4. Another. About Fine, dark brown, minor flaws, reverse rim nick above T. 114.8 gns; ~~**M.6.4-I. MBR.** R-3. Very Fine, dark olive, centers a bit rough, reverse edge flaw to right of date. 127.2 gns. A good example of the variety.~~ 2 pieces.

35-
180-
198-

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

930 **1785 M.5-F.5. MBR.** Rarity 4. Choice Very Good, if not finer. 141.1 gns. Curious steel and brown fields, brassy gold high points, giving the coin a two-tone appearance. Both surfaces granular. All in all, a not unattractive specimen. Early obverse state, the break later developing chin to chest here just unconnected dots.

From the Hillyer Ryder F.C.C. Boyd Collection. NOT CHOICE

55-
65.00
72

930

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1995

368.50

Lot No. 1971

1971 **1785 N.5-F.5.** Draped Bust Right. Rarity 4. Bold Very Fine, with claims to Extremely Fine. 129.5 grains. Early dies state with short vertical crack under chin. A few deep striae as usual, bold and well struck devices, all lettering sharp. Deep glossy brown with lighter highlights.

BOWER'S "SUNDERLAND COLL" MARCH 14, 1994

2263 **1785 Connecticut copper. M 5-F.5. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20,** soft at the centers but overall sharpness approaching a much higher grade in the well struck areas of the design. From an early state of the dies, with the diagnostic diebreak from breast to chin appearing as a small group of raised dots. Medium tan surfaces with pale pink highlights on the high points. Struck on a naturally flawed flan, with moderately heavy striations noted on both sides. From noticeably clashed dies, with the reverse dateline appearing above the obverse effigy's head.

Not sold

Miller 5-F.5 is the new numbering given to the two varieties of Obverse 5 originally described by Miller as 5.1 and 5.2. It is now recognized that obverse 5.1 and 5.2 represent early and later states of the same die. Interestingly enough, 5.2 (the variety offered here) is an *earlier* state of Miller's obverse 5.1.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" SALE OCT 12, 1996

185-
340-
374.00

188. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.5.5-F.5 MBR (R-4) VF20 136.8 gns. Medium to light chocolate brown with a representative amount of flaws and striations for a 1785 issue, but elsewhere very smooth and semi glossy. The obverse has a few minor flaws at the neck with a slightly larger one below those at the rim. The obverse die break is earlier than on either Taylor coin with neck and chin still outlined. The reverse is flawed at the rim at 12:00 with some small striations scattered in a rough band below ending with a flaw at the rim at 6:30. The primary design elements and legends are almost wholly unaffected. Struck slightly low on the reverse with the bottom loop of the 5 off the flan.

5-F.5

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

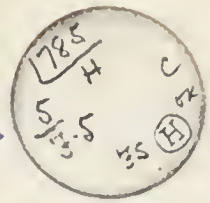
14 / 1785 ~~M.4.4-C. MBR. R-3. Rough strong Fine. 146.4 gns. Attribution number painted on obverse. Dark;~~ M.5-F.5. MBR. R-4. Rough strong Fine. Attribution number painted on obverse and on small rectangular sticker on reverse. 2 pieces. R. MARTIN

86 / 90 / 99

The second with round card ticket with circle H.

~~M.4.4-C: obverse state uncertain; reverse failing at LIB.~~

M.5-F.5: states uncertain due to surface conditions.



STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

15 / 1785 M.5-F.5. MBR. R-4. Very Fine sharpness, obverse slide marks on high points. 145.3 gns. Olive and orange, obverse surface mostly smooth, reverse with some striations. JIM COUDGE. F/VF OK

100 / 240 / 264

Obverse center sunk, full break from chin to chest, sinking at rim above head (appearing as a bulge on the coin). Reverse lightly clashed around.

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

16 / 1785 M.5-F.5. MBR. R-4. Rough, stained Fine. 143.1 gns. Brown and tan. Perfect dies; ~~M.6.4-I. MBR. R-3. Rough Very Good. 128.8 gns. Short obverse flaw. Olive green. Obverse tiny break A to mail; reverse sunk in right field and right center, short break above head.~~ 2 pieces. OK VG/FINE MIKE RINGO

100 / 110

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

83 1785 Connecticut, Miller 5-F.5. Rarity-4. 144.0 grains. Nearly Very Fine in terms of actual wear, generally well struck with full legends, a sharp date and bold design detail on either side including hair, face and armor detail on the obverse effigy. Medium brown surfaces with tan highlights give an attractive two-tone appearance to the coin. The obverse has some ancient scratches that have toned down enough to be nearly perfectly concealed and not all that detracting. Fairly early obverse die state, with the vertical break connecting the effigy's chin to the bust consisting of just a few small die chips connected to the bust—much rarer in this early die state than with the break fully developed. A much more difficult variety to locate than its rarity rating would suggest, we have only handled a half dozen of the variety in all grades [including the AU Hessberg coin which we sold on our last price list]—and this was after collecting the series for over a decade and dealing for the last seven!.....$119

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

NEAR MINT STATE MILLER 5-F.5
SECOND FINEST KNOWN
The Hessberg Coin

EX HESSBERG

ALSO FROM STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT #106 AT $577.50

95. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 5-F.5. Rarity-4. 134.9 grains. This is the HESSBERG collection coin, described in that sale as follows: "...a remarkable coin in full Mint State with traces of red lustre around devices. Struck on a planchet showing decided obverse lamination, its reverse almost of these planchet-rolling defects. Early die state without die crack at chin, two extra raised lines in field over head. Full head on Liberty, two clear grape vines on shield, bold double exergue line. Reverse displays much lustre. This coin is certainly among the finest known of the variety." Although the point is probably moot, we believe the grade of Choice About Uncirculated is more realistic, as there is a slight trace of rub on the absolute highpoints, though the amount of original color and mint luster present on the coin certainly make it one of the nicest AU's you'd ever hope to find. An amazing coin—much finer than anything else that has appeared on the market in recent years. The Oechsner coin was a slightly undergraded VF, the Norweb coin was a solid VF, the Taylor piece was near EF but from a late die state, the Appleton-MHS coin was VF, the New Netherlands 51st sale piece was VF and the other examples of the variety that have appeared in the last decade-and-a-half have all been in grades of Very Fine or less. Finer than the specimens in the ANS collection [an EF with a rim defect], the Connecticut State Library and the pieces in The Colonial Newsletter Foundation's collection. The 1975 EAC coin, which is the finest known [actually in the same grade as this piece but on a slightly nicer planchet] was from the Stepney Hoard and has been off the market ever since that sale. We have no doubts whatsoever about calling this piece the SECOND FINEST KNOWN, and easily the finest example the collector could hope to obtain. This coin brought a winning bid of $1100 in the Hessberg sale, we're pleased to be able to offer it at significantly less.....$799

5-F.5

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

103 1785 Connecticut. Miller 5-F.5. Rarity-4. 146.5 grains. Choice Fine to Very Fine, probably fully of the latter grade level. A beautiful example of the variety, with full legends and date [a few letters and the first digit are a bit weak, but still completely visible]. Attractive light brown surfaces that are hard and free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. There are a few minuscule striations on either side, which are well hidden by the design and the choice surfaces and color. Typical late die state, with a nearly vertical break connecting the effigy's chin to his bust. Much more difficult to locate than its rarity rating would suggest, we have handled under 10 specimens in the last twenty years as collectors and dealers specializing in the series! This one has exceptional eye appeal for the grade, and will make its new owner quite happy at just.....$349

Oddly enough, a vertical die break can also be found on Miller 6.2-F.1 [offered below], though not on any of the 1786, 1787 or 1788 dated Connecticut coppers — indicative of some sort of change in die production or striking technology?

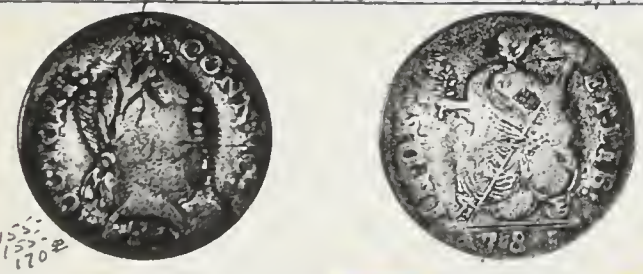
ROSA AMERICANA FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

73 1785 Conneciuct. Miller 5-F.5. Rarity-4. 129.8 grains. Good, some details slightly better. The legends on the right of either side are visible, though the rest of them and the date are gone. Medium brown surfaces, evenly rough and with a large planchet flaw at the center of the reverse. Not that pretty of a coin, but definitely cheap at just.....$9

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

121. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 5-F.5. Rarity-4. 134.4 grains. Very Fine, and rather boldly impressed – the legends and design details are all extremely sharp, save for the first C in CONNEC and the last digit of the date, which are weaker than the rest. The obverse effigy has nearly full mailing and most of the drapery lines on Liberty's top half are strong, as is her hair and branch. A bit weaker at the globe and shield. Medium brown surfaces that have an even but light sheen of roughness. Certain words carry negative connotations in their usage, and "roughness" is definitely one of them; unfortunately, there is no way to adequately describe the degree of roughness with mere words. On a piece like this, though, it is worth a try. The coin itself is extremely attractive for the grade and the light planchet roughness actually gives an overall even and pleasing look to the coin; there are absolutely NO planchet striations or laminations on either side, quite unusual for a 1785 issue, and greatly adding to the eye appeal of the coin. The extremely strong design detail on either side is quite unusual for the variety, which often comes weak. Even better, it is from the scarcer early die state, before the large vertical diebreak formed, connecting the obverse effigy's chin to the mailing on his bust. Detail-wise, pretty close to the bottom of the Condition Cerisus for the variety, but available at a lot less money than a full C.C. specimen would bring in today's heated market. We guarantee this one looks better in person that it could possibly sound on paper – and, as always, we urge collectors to make use of our no-questions-asked return policy if ANY coin does not meet your needs for ANY reason! That being said, we think this one will certainly satisfy at this price level – a VF 1785 Connecticut copper free of the typical large and unsightly planchet laminations, all at well under two hundred bucks!.....$169

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 2, 1998



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142. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.5.5-F.5 MBR (R-4) F15 138.5 gns. Smooth and semi glossy for the grade. Light chocolate brown with a thin striation from the chin of the bust to the last E, another small one by Liberty's neck. Date and legends strong and no post strike problems.

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

229 1785 M.5-F.5. MBR. R-4. 140.4 gns. Choice Fine, areas of Very Fine sharpness on both sides. Dark brown fields, lighter golden high points. Surfaces only micro-granular. Large, centrally placed reverse flaw, small edge pinch at 9:30.

100
130
143

Ex Robinson, Victor-McCawley Fixed Price List sale of December 26, 1985.

Early obverse die state, without the break that runs from the effigy's chin to its chest. Here, just a single dot can be seen.

5-F.5

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

122. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 5-F.5, another. 121.2 grains. Very Good, some details a bit nicer than that. Full legends on either side, the date full save for the last digit which is mostly lost to a small striation there. Good central design detail for the grade, a bit weak at the exact center of the reverse, as usual. Darker brown surfaces with devices and legends a lighter tan color. A few light laminations on either side, none of any real importance. There are a few ancient hairline scratches at the center of the obverse which have toned down. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, as 5 1 F 5, the attribution showing that this particular coin had the variety painted shortly after the Miller reference work was published – since the corrections published by Canfield and Ryder the following year noted that the obverses listed by Miller as 5.1 and 5.2 were actually the same die, in different die states. A pleasing example overall, and cheap at just.....$79

5-F.5

5.2-F.5
DELETE

Obverse 5. Var. 2 is now considered from the same die as Var. 1 but without the die breaks.

5-F.5	F. A. Canfield and H. Ryder pointed out that obverses 5.1 and 5.2 were actually the same die, the former being only a late state of the latter, not a different die. (Additions and Corrections, P. 4). Therefore, 5-F.5 is substituted in place of the two Miller combinations, 5.1-F.5 and 5.2-F.5.	5.1-F.5 5.2-F.5

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

5.2-F.5 -- Obverse dies 5.1 and 5.2 were discovered to actually be the same die, in different die states. The latter has been dropped from the listing.

DELETION

5.2-F.5

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

6.1-A.1

18 **1785. M. 6–1–A.1.** R–4. Round head similar to obv. 2, but R touches hair I and colon overlap it; the only die of this type (I overlapping hair) with very fine radial lines for border, all others having coarse serrations and much larger, taller heads. **Difficult to grade, this has some details of VF sharpness, others more like Fine.** The local weaknesses are exactly as in the Hoch Plate coin, therefore as made; grapevines cannot be made out but we have none showing them. Interestingly mottled surfaces with some local dark areas, unusually clean, free of defects except above Liberty head. Slightly bolder than the Hoch Plate coin, though exceeded by the Miller Plate coin and possibly also by the "VF+" piece in the Bowers lists; **no auction records in some years.** Possibly rarer than R–4. **(Photo)** $75 **($100.–up)**

$75

EAC'75

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1785 M 6.1-A.1 Possible Condition Census

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

XF DETAIL TONING IS ODD. NOT MINT

$302.50 TO A. TERRANOVA TAYLOR

2320 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.1-A.1. Mailed Bust Right.** 137.6 grains. Low Rarity-5. **EF-45.** Light olive green and golden brown, with traces of toning suggestive of old mint color remaining. Overall sharpness far superior to that usually seen, this variety is ordinarily found in VF-30 or lower grades. Reverse die clashed, with incused traces of the obverse legend around INDE. Smooth, free from porosity; just the usual marks left on the flan by the rollers. Fully centered on a somewhat wider than usual flan, with traces of the planchet cutter "lip" around much of the obverse rim.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

12 1785 Bust Facing Right M #6.1–A.1 (R–4) FINE–12, dark and slightly granular, but quite attractive.

$25

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

528 1785 Bust Right. 6.1-A.1 (R-3). Fine overall, the obverse having better relief than the reverse due to the striking. Planchet bereft of striae.

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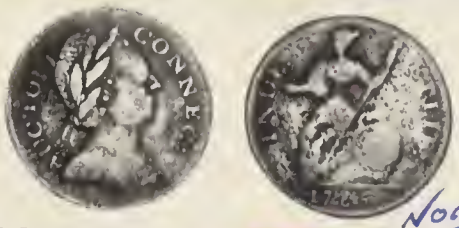
BOWER'S NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988



NORTH F/VF

$132

NORWEB

2470 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.1-A.1.** VF-30 20. Rarity 5. 125.3 grains. 28.7mm. 180°. Dark golden brown. Obverse die sinking in field under I C; reverse shows damage from clashing. Not quite as late a state as Taylor 2320, but later than when the reverse is used in combination with obverse 2. Microscopically porous.
Purchased between 1913-1915

6.1-A.1

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988 WHT. 136.9 GRAINS

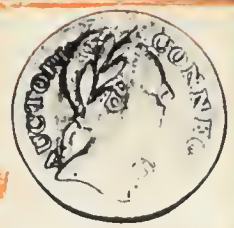
17 1785 Mailed Bust Right. Miller 6.1-A.1. Medium brown, a nice smooth planchet, full clear devices. Very Fine. $302.50 OK VF GOOD COLOR

Lot No. 17

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

203 522.50 1785 M.6.1-A.1 (Low R-5). 136.9 grains. Glossy light brown surfaces with hints of olive. Extremely Fine, full date and legends. OK VF GOOD COLOR J. PIERVINCENTI

Ex Stack's Sale of April 27, 1988, lot 17. Conservatively graded there as Very Fine. AT 302.50



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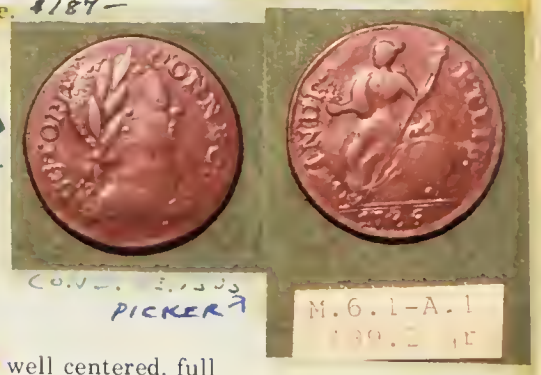
STACK'S "PICKER" SALE OCT 24, 1984 PICKER R. MARTIN

147 1785 Bust Right. Miller 6.1-A.1. 139.2 grains. Well-balanced, although the reverse die was not cut to the depth of most others of the series. Smooth dark chocolate planchet. Although not equal to the preceding or following coin, still a worthwhile type coin. Very Fine. $187-



PICKER

M.6.1-A.1

OK/NICE XF SOME RED

750- 1,500-

Lot No. 1032

OECHSNER

STACK'S OECHSNER COLL." SEPT 9, 1988

1032 1785 Miller 6.1-A.1. Mailed bust right. (Low R-5). 128.2 grains. Extremely Fine, well centered, full date. Some minor planchet porosity at the lower obverse rim. Medium brown and olive, some touches of red on the obverse.

$1,650-

From the Virgil Brand Collection, earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection. D. PARTRICK

BOWERS "MANN-SMEDLEY" SEPT 13-14, 1988

300- 600-

OK + VF 20

3054 1785 Connecticut copper. M 6.1-A.1. VF-35. Rarity-5-. 142.9 grains. Attractive golden brown. Surfaces fairly smooth, just minor porosity primarily at the base of the obverse. Die states as Taylor:2320.

$660-

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

HESSBERG

525- 525- $577.50

Lot No. 1342

SMOOTH FLAN VF/F OK

1342 1785 Miller 6.1-A.1 (R-5). 130 grains. Mailed bust right, remarkably detailed obverse, reverse less bold with apparent die crumble at B of ETLIB. Absence of detail is perhaps more attributable to skewed obverse die than to wear. Bold Very Fine.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1785 Bust right. 6.1-A.1 (R-3) Good $11.00; Fine $35.00; Very Fine plus, a superior specimen of this weakly-struck variety #14. 72.00

1785 Bust right. 6.1-A.1. (R-3). Good $11.00: VG RCR #7. 9/70. 17.00

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1109. 1785 Miller 6.1-A.1. Rarity 4. Very Good, Brown. ~~1785 Miller 6.3-G.1. Rarity 3. Very Good. Struck from worn dies giving the planchet a wavy appearance. 131.3 grains~~

85-

A total of two coins in

SEE STACK'S G. PERKINS COLL'SALE 3/18/93 #2095

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

6.1-A.1	1785	F+	R4	Weak reverse strike; di
6.1-A.1	1785	VF-/F-	R4	Tapered edge with crimp
6.1-A.1	1785	F/F	R4	Tapered edge with burr.

STACK'S N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973

6 1785 ~~Connecticut. Miller 3.1-A.3. (Rarity 3)~~; Miller 6.1-A.1. (Rarity 3); ~~Miller 6.2 F.1. (Rarity 4)~~. Good. ~~Although of lower quality than the above lot, they are still acceptable specimens~~. 3 pieces.

32.50

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

6.1-A.1 9446 (8) VERY GOOD 8

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

23) 1785 M.6.1-A.1 Fine (15) Typical shallow weak strike, especially on reverse. Light brown (possible old cleaning). -C

24) 1785 M.6.1-A.1 Fine (15) Dark brown fields with devices highlighted. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

NEW NETHERLAND'S MAIL BID SALE AUG 10, 1952

92 Same. M. 6.1-A.1. V. Good, very bold. Date unusually closely spaced. 4.50

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980.

[illegible]

6.1-A.1

HOCH PLATE {POSSIBLY ANS SPECIMEN}

6[1] A[1]

MILLER PLATE

OBV.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1816 1785. C. 6 (1), A (1) Ex. fine. **Plate.** 1.50

2082 1785. C. 6(1)--A (1); ~~6-(2)--F (1).~~ VG. 3 pcs. .25 EA

.25 2162 1785. ~~C. 4-(4)--C.~~ --6 (1)-A (1) G. to VG.R. 4 2 pcs.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

932 **1785 M.6.1-A.1. MBR.** Another. Low Rarity 5. Very Good. 120.9 gns. Brown and granular. Partial puneture reverse to obverse. From the **Hall Collection.** "6.1-A.1" painted in yellowed white in center of obverse. Exact die states uncertain but appear earlier than the preceding's. TOO DARK, MATTE

45 90 99

Originally from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection; thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd. Round card ticket with "circle H" occompanies this lot.

Dr. Hall's own inventory of his collection records an "Ex Fine" specimen he bought from a Mr. Barnes on February 3, 1890. That was the coin he kept in his main line holdings.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 15, 1993

2095 **1785 M.6.1-A.1. MBR.** Fine. Low Rarity 5. 125.7 grains. Golden brown. Surfaces micro-granular, numerous annealing flaws on both sides. States as Taylor:2320.

50 130 143

From Mid-American Rare Coin Auction's 1986 G.N.A. Sale, lot 1109. 1 OF 2 PIECES AT 65.00

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

*931 **1785 M.6.1-A.1. MBR.** Low Rarity 5. Choice Fine, some areas suggest Very Fine. 126.4 gns. Even brown. Surfaces appear somewhat glossy despite microscopic granularity. Clip obverse at 4:30. Both dies rough in fields. OK + F/VF

80 350 385

931

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on their obverses: ~~**M.1-E.** R-4. About Fine. 133.6 gns. Somewhat rough olive;~~ ~~**M.3.1-A.3.** R-4. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places but heavily flawed and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.3.1-L.** R-4. About Good/Very Good. 131.5 gns. Dark olive. Rim flaws; **M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Very Good. 139.5 gns. Rough brown, reverse scratched. Obverse attributed as "3-F" only; **M.4.3-A.2.** R-1. Very Good/About Good, olive brown. 123.5 gns. Very late reverse state; **M.4.3-D.** R-4. About Good, dented and rough. 144.3 gns;~~ **M.6.1-A.1.** Low R-5. Very Good/About Good, lighter olive brown. Somewhat rough and flawed, very late reverse state; ~~**M.6.2-F.1.** R-8, probably really higher. Fine, bent, obverse rough. 128.1 gns. Late obverse state, not often seen.~~ 8 pieces.

100 275 300

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

30 **1785 M.6.1-A.1. MBR.** R-5-. Fine. 130.7 gns. Fairly even olive-brown on both sides. Both surfaces micro-granular, but appear hard to the unaided eye. Minuscule reverse rim nick above LI; old scrape at lower right through B and shield. Both sides slightly off center to the left, but without significant effect. Die states as Taylor:2320. DECENT VF 20

225 250 275

This cataloger has seen thirteen of these, and feels that Low Rarity 5 is still appropriate for it.

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

230 **1785 M.6.1-A.1.** MBR. R-5 to 5+ (revised). 129.3 gns. Very Fine, heavy areas of verdigris on the obverse. Dark brown fields, lighter golden high points. Perfectly centered strike. We have records of only 16 specimens of this number and feel the rarity rating should be raised from Low R-5.

150 150 165

Ex Robert Vlack at the 1984 Bay State Coin Show. Lot accompanied by a small, old, annotated collector's ticket.

Obverse die perfect. Reverse bulging around the periphery, particularly in the lower left field.

1785 C.1-A.1 WHT. 128.85 GRAINS
IMPRESSED WITH A 1834 "CORONET LARGE CENT W/PARTIALLY
INCUSED DETAILS & 1834 DATE ODDOBITY?
R. GEARY - R. MARTIN SEPT 1985 - M. SPENCER OCT, 1988

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979?

1785 Bust Right, M. 6.1-A.1, (R-4), Fine, dark brown with lighter highlights, slightly porous, but perfectly-centered.....35.00.

6.1-A.1

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD CH SALE NOV 8, 1997

BOLDLY STRUCK 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.1

525-
610-
671.00

143. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.1-A.1 MBR (Low R-5) EF40 132.7 gns. A relatively bold strike on a variety that is notorious for weak ones. This coin is a good candidate for condition census. Dark olive brown with a circular clip from 6:30 to 8:00 obverse, that is fortunately placed so that no legends or designs are affected. The obverse is fairly smooth while the reverse has even light granularity. This coin is otherwise completely free of flaws, and defects, nor are there any nicks, dents, or scratches. Though only somewhat scarce in lower grades this variety is quite hard to obtain in Choice VF and higher. Oechsner had the Hall/Brand coin as lot #1032, called Extremely Fine and certainly one of the nicest and strongest known. Other high end coins include the Miller plate coin and Taylor #2321, graded EF45 with a weaker obverse than the current coin, though with more detail on the reverse shield. This coin is stronger too than that offered as lot #20 on Stack's Spring 1997 fixed price list, another EF with softer obverse detail and weakness at ETLIB. Notes for that coin state that "very few specimens exist that can be graded Extremely Fine" with which we concur. The EAC 75 coin, lot #18, had "some details of VF sharpness", the reverse in particular was weaker than this coin. At the time of that sale it was thought that only the Miller plate coin and possibly also "the VF+ coin in the Bower's lists" (likely referring to an unplated "superior specimen of this weakly struck variety" on page 57 of Rare Coin Review 14, April/May 1972) surpassed the coin there being offered. The balanced strike on the coin here offered is such that one would not suspect it ever came otherwise.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

74 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-A.1. Low Rarity-5 [traditional, probably a full R-6]. 122.6 grains. Fine, some details on the obverse a bit sharper. Full legends, everything bold except for ET LIB which is fully visible but a bit weak. Full, sharp date, unsual for the variety. Decent design detail for the grade. Medium brown surfaces, with some light green and red cuprous oxide hues, especially on the reverse, though not unattractive. A small dent at the obverse rim at K-10 leaves a light bend there. Although the description sounds harsh, the coin itself isn't that bad, and it's a most acceptable example of this rare variety. Although rated a Low R-5, we suspect that it's much tougher than that — this is the first example that we've been able to offer in years.....$109

In the Spring 1997 Stack's fixed price list, Michael Hodder notes that "this is a variety that may well be more elusive than its current rarity rating suggests," and we think it will end up as a solid R-6.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

75 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.1-A.1, another. 120.6 grains. Very Good or so. The obverse has full legends and decent design detail; the reverse is weaker, with most of the legends and part of the date visible, but very weak at the central device. Medium brown surfaces, lightly and evenly rough, the obverse with two mid-size dents, one at the center of the coin, another near the rim at K-11. Not at exceptionally attractive coin, but an inexpensive example of a most difficult variety.....$49

PINE TREE 'EAC '75' FEB 15, 1975

19 **1785. M. 6.2–F.1.** R–4. Tall head, I overlapping hair (as on following dies), coarse serrations, a column of die defects joining profile and end of cuirass; dash to right from top of 8. **Better than Very Fine, bold impression,** olive–green and brown patination, free of planchet defects, free of any signs of handling (aside from traces of honest wear) except for a small old scratch which does not affect the color. One of the finest known, superior to the Taxay Plate, Hoch Plate, and Miller Plate coin in sharpness; far finer than the Bryant or New Netherlands 60th Sale coins; Dr. Ruby's was only VG. **Incredibly, this wholly outclasses in sharpness of detail the "uncirculated" Appleton–MHS, (1973) piece at $210.00.** No auction records for an equal example. **(Photo) ($175.–up)**

$300 — $300

EAC '75

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PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

325* **1785.** Normal head. M. 6.2–F. 1, R–4. Tall head, I. overlapping hair, coarse serrations, column of die defects joining profile and end of cuirass; dash to r. from upper part of 8. Cf. lot 19. **Fine,** medium steel devices, richly mottled brown fields, very slightly granular but free of nicks, scratches, or planchet defects. All three grapevines show on shield though they are slightly blurred as are drapery, hair and curl details. Later state than lot 19 above–mentioned. Good match for Hoch and Miller Plate coins. Ex Alan Kessler. **(Phot**

$300 — EAC '75 **($100.–u**

325

→ SEE MILLER PLATE

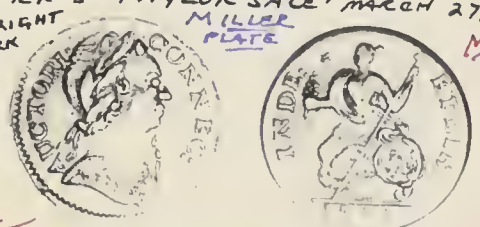
1785 6.2-F.1 Probable Condition Census

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE LIGHT TO DARK HONEY BROWN XF40

MILLER PLATE

MILLER PLATE



$825 — A. TERRANOVA — TAYLOR

2321 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.2-F.1. Mailed Bust Right.** 125.9 grains. Rarity-3. **EF-40.** An outstanding specimen, finer than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. and superior to the Appleton-M.H.S. specimens (Stack's, 1973) based upon the appearance of that specimen in the plate. Smooth, dark golden brown obverse and a lighter reverse. No trace of porosity. Obverse die break in an advanced state. No obvious signs of handling, free from nicks or scratches.

Regarding the rarity of this piece, the late Richard Picker felt the true rating was closer to Rarity-5 than the Rarity-3 it was felt to be at the time (1976). It has since been downgraded to a Rarity-3. Rarity ratings are not absolute!

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987 — TAYLOR

121 — BIT DARK & POROUS

2322 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.2-F.1. Draped Bust Right.** 145.9 grains. Rarity-3. **VF-30.** A second example, and an instructive one. Struck from a much later state of the obverse die, with the columnar die defect extending into the mouth, nose, and eye of the effigy, soon to reach to its forehead and to the neighboring portion of the rim. Other die breaks elsewhere on the obverse. Partial rim clip or rim damage, as made, at about 5:00. Somewhat microscopically porous planchet, but an attractive deep golden brown

SEE MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRILLEE SALE" OCT 21, 1993 LOT #18

6.2-F.1

1785 M 6.2-F.1

Condition Census

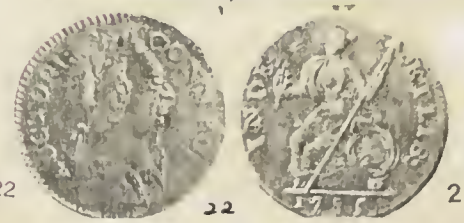
Latest Obverse State

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

NICE XF (40-45)

$1,045 — NORWEB

2471 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.2-F.1. EF-45, Condition Census.** Rarity-3. 136.6 grains. 28.8mm. 180°. Exceptional sharpness, sharper than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. or the Appleton-M.H.S. specimens, and slightly nicer than the Taylor: 2321 coin! Very late obverse state, the latest seen, later even than Taylor: 2321 and 2322. Columnar die defect has now extended past the effigy's forehead to reach the rim beside first C at about 12:30. Additionally, other breaks have developed parallel to it, covering the point of the effigy's eye, and running beneath his chin. Minor obverse rim clip at 11:30. An attractive, rich, deep brown specimen. An important coin. *Purchased from Richard Picker, date unrecorded.* $1,045



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SEE TAXAY PLATE

NEW NETHERLANDS 56TH SALE, JUNE 27, 1962

1785. Cent. Quadrefoil on reverse, line to r. from top of 8. M. 6–F1. R-4. Extra Fine with lovely, lustrous surfaces, the obverse superior to the reverse; far far superior to the Miller, GUIDE BOOK and STANDARD CATALOGUE Plate coins the finest in fact we have ever heard of! One would have to wait a long time to duplicate this at any price! Plate AT $55—

123 **1785 Miller 6.2-F.1.** Extremely Fine. Rarity 4. About equal in sharpness and wear to the Miller plate coin, but on a granular planchet and a planchet defect about the size of a letter before the I of INDE not affecting any letter or part of the design. Well centered and sharply struck up with no damage, or nicks. A medium to dark brown and another exceptional coin for this series. **PLATE $35** → STACK'S MASS HIST. SOC. SALE OCT 23, 1970

'MHS'

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NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

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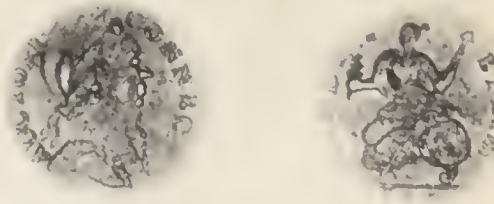

1785 Bust Facing Right M #6.2 F.1 (R-4) VERY FINE – 35 with porous surfaces. Very well struck, attractive and otherwise defect free. A lovely piece for the type or variety collector. $120

H.E.M. ENG. SALE NOV 4, 1983

55 **1785. M.6.2-F.1 (R-4) VF.** GRAINY

Sharp strike from exceedingly delapidated dies with the long diebreak extending from eye through chin to armor, somewhat rough planchet with a defect to left of IN on reverse, but all three vines visible on shield, sharp armor, globe, date, nice brown toning. 35 20

6.2-F.1

BOWER'S TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

$70 —

529 1785 Bust Right. 6.2-F.1 (R-4). VF-EF, actually fully EF or better from a wear viewpoint, but the inherent light striking and advanced die state of 6.2-F.1 contribute to a reduction of design detail. The features, however, are sharp in certain areas, including the shield. Planchet is perfect save for a small edge clip. One of the finest known specimens of this issue.

$70 —

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST NOV, 1990

118

EX. OECHSNER #1033

118 **1785 Miller 6.2-F.1.** Mailed bust right, die is in an advanced state of deterioration, with bold vertical line representing breaks and die polishing traversing the face from C in CONNEC to base of armor. A beautiful strike from worn dies, seated figure unusually well detailed, shield design indistinct. Smooth golden brown surfaces show no significant marks. The late Colonial coin specialist Richard Picker thought such high grade examples merited an R–5 rating. **Extremely Fine.** $750.00

MAGNIFICENT 1785 MILLER 6.2-F.1

NICE XF GREAT COLOR NICER THAN NORWEB & TAYLOR SPECIMENS

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

Lot No. 18

18 **1785 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 6.2-F.1. An extraordinary specimen with a die crack from the chin to the bottom of the tunic. Rich reddish brown, quite probably from faded color. **Extremely Fine.** *Equal to or better than the Frederick Taylor specimen.* $1,210 —

OECHSNER
A. TERRANOVA
OK/NICE 30/40

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

BEE COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 10, 1991 LOT # 3674 AT 770.00

Lot No. 1033

1033 **1785 Miller 6.2-F.1.** Mailed bust right. 145.2 grains. **Very Fine,** fairly well centered and evenly struck. Medium to deep brown and walnut toning. Extremely late state of the obverse die, with the heavy vertical break from the breast through the chin, mouth, nose, eye, forehead, and beginning to connect to the upper rim.

$467.50

STACK'S T. H. ALLEN SALE" FEB 4, 1977

(3) 1785 Miller 6.2-F.1. Rarity 4. Well centered and well struck. Some old corrosion affec's the reverse. No planchet defects or other damage. A very nice coin.. **Very Fine.**

$70 —

STACK'S "N. BRYANT" FEB 2, 1973

(4) 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.2-F.1. Rarity 4. Very Fine, well centered and well struck. Some old corrosion affects the reverse. No planchet defects or other damage. A very nice coin. $50 —

STACK'S N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973

6 1785 ~~Connecticut. Miller 3.1-A.3. (Rarity 3); Miller 6.1-A.1. (Rarity 3);~~ Miller 6.2-F.1. (Rarity 4). Good. ~~Although of lower quality than the above lot, they are still acceptable specimens.~~ 3 pieces.

32.50

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BOWER'S "P. D. WILLIAMS" SEPT 27-29, 1979

1293 ~~Quartet of Connecticut coppers by Miller variety.~~ (1) 1785 6.2-F.1. R-4. VF-20; ~~(2) 1786 6.4-1. R-4. Good-4; (3) 1787 Laughing head. 6.1-M. Fine-12; (4) 1788 12.1-F.1. Fair-2.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

STACK'S "MASS HIST. SOCIETY" MARCH 29, 1973

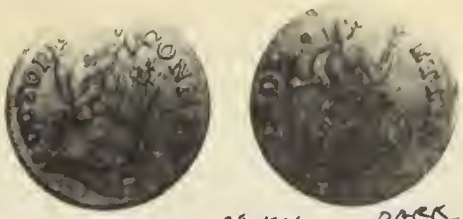
38 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.2-F.1. Rarity 4. A planchet defect on the reverse does not impair any important parts of the design. Indeed a superb specimen, and an even light tan color. Uncirculated. PLATE

210 —

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1220 1785 M.6.2-F.1 (R-4). Bust facing right. Very Good. Black toning, some light porosity. 66 —

6.2-F.1



NASCA "KESSLER" SALE APRIL 28, 1981 DARK SCRATCHES

2210 1785. M.6.2-F.1. (R-4) Sharp VF. (Photo)
150 — *Later die state than Pine Tree's EAC Sale Lot 19, dark greenish-brown patination, string of die defects runs down face from rim to rim, reverse planchet defect from rim onto figure, some old scratches on each side.*

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9-11, 1987 FAIR VG-FINE

187 1785 Mailed bust right. Miller 6.2-F.1. Fine, golden tan toning with a couple of spots. Very late obverse die state, the columnar break reaching from rim by armor, up through all of face to forehead, and then to rim left of C.
$71.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE' NOV 9, 1982

1296 1785 Mailed Bust Right. M.6.2-F.1. Die break from chin to mail. Very Fine, excellent detail. Olive-brown patination.
130 — 1.30.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE "APRIL 10, 1985

1109 1785 Connecticut. Mailed Bust Right. M.6.2-F.1. Die break from chin to point of bust. Very Fine. Smooth olive-brown surfaces.

STACK'S SALE' SEPT 8, 1977

19 1785 Miller 6.2-F1. Rarity 4. Well centered and well struck. Some old corrosion affects the reverse. No planchet defects or other damage. Very Fine.
50 —

BOWER'S' STUART LEVINE' APRIL 10-11, 1981

60.50

857 1785 Connecticut. Miller-6.2-F.1. 137.4 grains. Very Fine. Reddish brown surfaces.

MILLER PLATE

6.2-F1

SEE TAYLOR SALE LOT# 2321 TO M. TERRANOVA

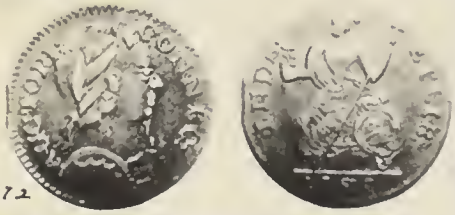
HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-29, 1920

1817 1785. C. 6 (2) F (1) Ex. F. V. Rare. **Plate.** 3.25

1818 1785. B. Die. As last. Fine. rare. 1.10

2083 1785. C. 6- (2)–F (1), ~~4-C; 6 (3)-G (1)-6 (4)-I.~~ G. to abt. Fine. Scarce. 5 pcs. .26

2082 1785. ~~C. 6(1)-A (1);~~ 6-(2)--F (1). VG. 3 pcs.



BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 6.2-F.1 (R-4). Extremely Fine. Rare so 175.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971

1785 Bust right. 6.2-F.1 (R-4). VF-EF RCR #12 SEPT, 1971. 99.00

1785 Bust right. 6.2-F.1. (R-4). Very Fine RCR #7 SEPT, 1970. 59.00

SUPERIOR 'LEE KUNTZ' OCT 6-8, 1991

1266 1785. Connecticut Cent. Mailed Bust Right Miller 6(2) F Rarity-4 Fine 15. Clean and attractive, with only two small rim imperfections worth mentioning

Previously from Stack's Metropolitan Sale May 1968 Lot 25

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

6.2-F.1	1785	EF-	R4	Dark & oily planchet;
6.2-F.1	1785	F-	R4	Dark weak strike.
6.2-F.1	1785	F+	R4	Diverse verdigris: reverse

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

6.2-F.1 9447 (12) FINE 12

SUPERIOR'S 'LEE / SHAPER' SEPT 25-27, 1988

LOT# 1722 1785 Connecticut Mailed Bust Right. Miller 6.2-F1. Rarity 4. Sharpness of Fine 15 or somewhat better but dark and slightly granular and with a few scratches noted on the reverse. Very late obverse Die State with the crack now well formed. Scarce. 1 OF 3 PIECES

6.2-F.1

SUPERIOR'S "DR RUBY COLL" FEB 11, 1974

51 1785. Bust right. Miller 6.2–F1. Better than Very Good, nearly Fine for coin; everything on flan and legible though a planchet defect partly obscures the weak ornament after INDE:. Far above average condition for this very scarce variety or for any 1785. Ex Paul Herbein, West Lawn, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1945.
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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN. 1985

25) 1785 M.6.2-F.1 Very Fine (20) details with some light planchet porosity (roughness). -C

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

22 1785. Cent. Quadrefoil on reverse, line to r. from top of 8. M. 6^2-F^1. R-4. Extra Fine with lovely, lustrous surfaces, the obverse superior to the reverse; far, far superior to the Miller, GUIDE BOOK and STANDARD CATALOGUE Plate coins, the finest in fact we have ever heard of! One would have to wait a long time to duplicate this at any price! Plate SEE TAXAY PLATE
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TAXAY PLATE (1976) 6.2-F.1

C158

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

325 Similar. M. 6^2-F^1 (Rarity 4). Advanced vertical break from forehead through face and field to corner of mail. Very Fine. Fairly smooth, dark broad flan showing full obv. borders, no rev. borders. Marred by tiny digs at the center on each side and a diagonal obv. scratch from above eye to rear of neck; otherwise, remarkably clean. Allegedly cost $25. several years ago.
18-

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

58 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 6.2-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 3. 138.9 grains. Very Fine, the reverse closer to Extremely Fine, with full detail in Miss Liberty's dress, the globe, and even the grapevines on the shield. Struck on a granular planchet, as is often found with this variety.....$149

This coin is the latest die state seen to date, with the obverse break more advanced than either the Taylor and Oechsner coins.

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BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1073 1785 Connecticut copper. M 6.2-F.1. Rarity-3. VF-20/35. 138.9 grains. Dark green-brown, with traces of reddish coloration on the high points. Miscroscopic pitting can be seen on both sides. There are two tiny rim nicks, noticeable on the reverse. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2322, with the break connecting the effigy's chin and its breast advanced, extending across the mouth, eye, forehead, and reaching rim above C. The reverse was nicely struck and individual grapevines can be seen on the shield. TOO DARK

ROCK LIST $149 $154

SEE SAN DIEGO (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990 LOT # 2391
BOWERS 'SACCONE COLL' NOV 6-8, 1989

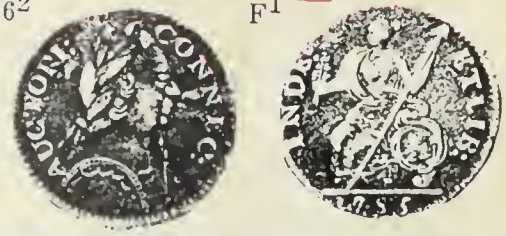
CLEANED

220-

1542 1785 Connecticut copper. M 6.2-F.1. 140.3 grains. Rarity-3. VF-20 to 30, nice pale reddish brown. A pleasing, problem-free and nicely centered specimen. Overall, about equivalent to the Oechsner example of this variety. The obverse die state is much later than Taylor:2321, nearly equivalent to Taylor:2322, one of the latest seen. The break now extends across the effigy's mouth, its eyebrow, and has formed on its head and near the rim to the left of the second C. The reverse, on the other hand, is in a perfect state, equivalent to Taylor:2321. This is a nice example both for the type and the die state specialist.

HOCH PLATE {PROBABLY? ANS SPECIMEN}

6^2 F^1



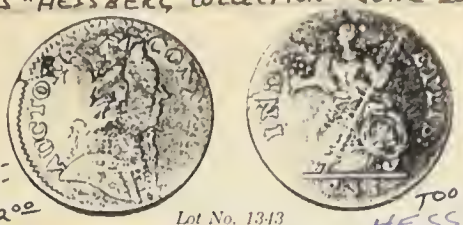
HAROLD HESS LIST SPRING, 1984

LOT 17: 1785 CONNECTICUT, Miller 6.2-F.1 (R-4), VF25/35 ..... $ 235

As we studied this coin, the previous owner remarked, "It's nice to see what the designs on a Connecticut really look like." How true! This is, indeed, remarkably detailed, with all major features bold and even the globe lines, drapery folds and grapevines clearly visible. Deeply patinated brown color, quite well centered, and no dents or marks whatsoever.

6.2-F.1

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991



200-
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*242.00

TOO DARK
HESSBERG

Lot No. 1343

1343 **1785 Miller 6.2-F.1.** 140 grains. Mailed bust right, die break on forehead, late state die crack links chin to breast. Henry C. Miller white-ink attribution numbers appear in left obverse field. Trace of lamination on upper reverse. Dark glossy brown. Very Fine.

DAVID SONDERMAN, AUG 1981 LIST

34 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.6.2-F.1. Die break from nose down past bust to rim. Very Fine, Strong detail on Reverse figure OLIVE PATINATION..*225.00.....

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1984

47 1785 Bust Right. M. 6.2-F.1. Very Fine. Dark Olive Brown surfaces *150.00 .....

SAN DIEGO SALE (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

*429-

2391 1785 Cent, Miller 6.2-F.1, Breen-736, Mailed Bust Right, ANACS Certified-Very Fine. (Rarity-3). Although the certificate states "cleaned", we strongly disagree. The metallurgical content of this very clean and pleasing coin, is such that there is a reddish undertone. Otherwise, this coin is medium to light brown in color, and quite choice. The surfaces are hard and smooth, the centering is perfect, and the date and devices are sharp. A later die state, however, very sharp and clean overall. A very nice type coin and example of this variety. ..... (350-550)

SEE BOWER'S 'SACCONE COLL' NOV 6-8, 1989 #1542

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

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BIT TOO DARK

5649 1785 M 6.2-F.1. Rarity-3. VF-35, porous. Pale golden brown high points, darker brown surfaces. 133.5 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2322, obverse late.

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1998

1500-
1500-
1650.00

OKUF

Lot No. 157

157 **1785 M.6.2-F.1.** MBR. R-3. 139.9 gns. Choice Very Fine. Olive brown and gold, the obverse a trifle mottled. Both surfaces smooth and hard to the naked eye, just microgranular. Rough at top of reverse. A representative example of this issue.

Ex Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections Sale (Stack's, June 8, 1994, lot 17).

Obverse with full break from chin to chest and cud now formed on forehead. Reverse perfect.

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 6, 1994

OKUF
BD
MOTTLED OLIVE

300-
375-
412.50

Lot No. 17

T. TERRANOVA

17 **1785 M.6.2-F.1. MBR.** R-3. Choice Very Fine, a nice and problem-free specimen. 139.9 gns. Olive green and brown, a little mottled. Decent surfaces, just a small patch of roughness top right of reverse. About as nice as the Taylor coin. Obverse full break chin to chest, cud now formed on forehead; reverse perfect.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

100 **1785 Connecticut coppers,** all MBR, all with Miller numbers in a coarse hand on their obverses: ~~**M.1.E.** R-4. About Fine. 133.6 gns. Somewhat rough olive; **M.3.1-A.3.** R-4. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places but heavily flawed and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.3.1-E.** R-4. About Good/Very Good. 131.5 gns. Dark olive. Rim flaws; **M.3.4-F.1.** R-3. Very Good. 139.5 gns. Rough brown, reverse scratched. Obverse attributed as "3.F" only; **M.4.3-A.2.** R-1. Very Good/About Good, olive brown. 123.5 gns. Very late reverse state; **M.4.3.D.** R-4. About Good, dented and rough. 144.3 gns; **M.6.1-A.1.** Low R-5. Very Good/About Good, lighter olive brown. Somewhat rough and flawed, very late reverse state;~~ **M.6.2-F.1.** R-3, probably really higher. Fine, bent, obverse rough. 128.1 gns. Late obverse state, not often seen so. 8 pieces.

250-
275-
302.50

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1981

2.1785 MBR, M.6.2-F.1, 115.0 grains. Very Fine, moderately granular surfaces. Dark brown with mottled brick red toning on the obverse. Well centered with strong details, including the grape vines on the shield. 150.00

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

6. 1785 M.6.2-F.1. Very Fine, smooth reddish-brown surfaces with no problems. Well centered and evenly struck; equal to the Oechsner specimen..... 325.00
7. 1785 M.6.2-F.1. Very Fine, dark brown planchet with a few old and well-hidden obverse pinscratches. Virtually full date and legends..... 125.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #12 NOV, 1982

1. 1785 Miller 6.2-F.1 Mailed Bust Right, "Tall Head" Very Good-8, granular obverse. R-4. $40

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

6.2-F.1

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 10, 1991

OK/NICE VF/XF 30/40

EX. STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST NOV 1980 #118

770.00

Lot No. 3674 WHT. 145.2 GRAINS EX OECHSNER #1033

3674 **1785 M.6.2-F.1.** Mailed bust right, die is in an advanced state of deterioration, with bold vertical line representing breaks and die polishing traversing the face from C in CONNEC to base of armor. A beautiful strike from worn dies, seated figure unusually well detailed, shield design indistinct. Smooth golden brown surfaces show no significant marks. The late Colonial coin specialist Richard Picker thought such high grade examples merited an RÓ5 rating. **Extremely Fine.**

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, FALL, 1982

*261 **1785 M.6.2-F.1** (R-3). MBR. 145.2 gns. Nice Extremely Fine for the variety and its obverse state. Pleasing two tone combination of deep tan and dark brown. Both surfaces smooth and hard to the naked eye; tiny rim nick reverse above D. Late state of the obverse, equivalent to Taylor:2322, the die broken at top and from chin to point of mail. EX OECHSNER *$675.00*

261

M&G AUCTIONS 'L.T. SMITH SALE' JAN 7, 1995

341.00

83. 1785 CONNECTICUT MILLER 6.2-F.1 MAILED BUST RIGHT VF20 142.9 gns. Medium brown and glossy. Well centered on a planchet with two diagonal micro clips visible on the obverse at 2:00 and 8:00. Otherwise free of problems save a fully toned reverse scratch from Liberty's head to hand. From the frequently encountered late obverse die state with advanced breaks from the mail to face. A very attractive example, well suited as a type coin. Students of the Connecticut series are well aware that the overwhelming majority of varieties are dated 1787, the bulk of those being Draped Busts Left. Along with Vermont Landscapes, 1785 Connecticut coppers represent the first State Coinage (discounting extremely rare 1776 emissions) and on the whole they are cruder than later issues, often struck on seriously flawed and striated planchets. Any review of the great Connecticut copper collections that have been assembled will reveal that in many instances 1785 varieties have been represented by decidely mediocre coins. M.6.2-F.1 is among a handful of 1785 varieties that can somewhat readily be found nice in upper grades.

COIN GALLERIES "PICKER REF. COLL" JULY 22, 1992

1785 Miller 6.2-F.1

LGT. PITTING BLACK

High Condition Census Sharpness

*2603 286.00 **1785 M 6.2-F.1.** MBR. R-3. 154.0 gns. High Condition Census sharpness of **About Uncirculated,** if not fully choice. Deep gray-black, an unusual color for the variety. Both surfaces pitted and granular, particularly the obverse, but outstandingly sharp, more so than Norweb:2471, an exceptionally clear specimen. Given its surfaces nicer than Taylor:2321/2, Oechsner:1033, the ANS coin, and specimens seen in six private collections. Obverse state about equivalent to Taylor:2321, earlier than Norweb:2471. A prize for the Connecticut specialist. LIGHT PITTING BLACK

2603

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

*933 85 150 160.00 **1785 M.6.2-F.1. MBR.** Very Fine. 136.4 gns. Dark brown. Both surfaces quite rough, traces of old corrosion products both sides. From the **Hall Collection.** "6.2-F.1" painted in yellowed white in right obverse field. Late obverse state, fully connected break chest up to near chin, eye crumbling, cud on forehead. TOO DARK

Originally from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection; thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd. Round card ticket with "circle H" accompanies this lot.

The attribution number pointed on this coin is in much smaller letters and numbers than seen on the other "painted die" varieties offered thus far. Close examination of the letters, particularly their serifs, suggests to us that they are all by the same hand, however. Hall's inventary ledger records he owned two pieces both of which he graded "V. fine." It should be remembered that a "Very Fine" in 1898 would be on Extremely Fine or About Uncirculated coin today!

933

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

934 65 85 92.50 **1785 M.6.2-F.1. MBR.** Another. Rarity 3. Technically Very Fine. 136.6 gns. Dark brown. Both surfaces uniformly granular. Very soft in appearance. Obverse with full break chin to breast; reverse apparently perfect. VERY DARK MATTE

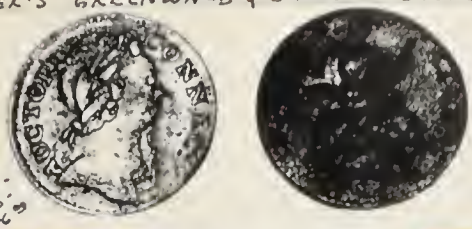
STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 5, 1994

181 125 220 242 **1785 M.6.2-F.1. MBR.** R-3. Porous Fine, reverse especially. 148.4 gns. Perfect dies; ~~M.6.3-G.1. MBR.~~ R-3. ~~Very Fine, given the very late states. 135.5 gns. Nice olive, a bit rough in places.~~ 2 pieces. T. RINALDO

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.6.2-F.1
EXTREMELY FINE
NICE XF 40

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON" SALE SEPT 11-13, 1986

6.2-F.1



210-
260-
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3105 1785 M 6.2-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. VF. Rarity-3. 151.1 grains, a seemingly hearty weight for this die combination. Full obverse die break connecting chin to breastplate. Strong design details remain. Olive-brown with lighter high points.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995
1785 M. 6.2-F.1 EX. TAYLOR #2322
3/27/87

324-
430-
473

118. M1 1785 CONNECTICUT MILLER 6.2-F.1 MBR (R-3) VF30 146.9 gns. Generally smooth and reflective with only some light porosity in places and no flaws. The obverse is a bit off center to the right but all legends are full. The reverse is better centered with a full clear date. Rich golden brown with some deep olive brown toning in the fields, more so on the reverse. The planchet is crimped slightly at the rim - 5:00 obverse. An attractive example of a very late obverse die state with numerous breaks forming in a roughly vertical line up from the right edge of the mail up through the nose finally reaching the rim behind the first C of CONNEC. This was the second Taylor coin, lot 2322, from the 3/87 Bowers and Merena sale. No reverse rotation. AT #121

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996
RAZOR SHARP M.6.2-F.1

925
1,225
1,347

D. PARTRICK

189. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.2-F.1 MBR (R-3) AU55 153.9 gns. Possibly the strongest coin known of this variety, with amazing crispness of detail. It is near, if not actually, technical Mint State. Dark olive brown, the surfaces are hard and glossy where not flawed or striated. There are, however, several small flaws and numerous striae and thin roller striations on both sides giving this coin a rougher look despite its lack of circulation. Roughness is concentrated at the very top and bottom of the obverse, which is from a fairly late die state with substantial rust coming down in a line from the chin. The 1945 Norweh lot 2471, one of the coins that comes closest to matching this coin for detail, is from the latest state. This coin is also sharper than the 1975 Pine Tree EAC coin, either Taylor coin, the Appleton M HS coin, Oechsner, Hessberg, and others. An impressive coin, particularly the reverse. You may never view 1785 Connecticuts quite the same again, after finally seeing all the detail that was intended to be there.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

268. 55 THREE YEARS TRIO OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS: 1785 M.6.2-F.1 MBR (R-3) Basal/About Good 120.7 gns. Darker brown. Lightly corroded surfaces with soft scratches on both obverse and reverse apparently from an earlier attempt to remove corrosion. Full date, although weak. ~~WITH 1786 M-5.4-0.1 MBL (R-2) Basal 147.6 gns. Dark brown with lighter highlights. Corroded surfaces. WITH 1787 M.1-1.A MBR (R-3) Good 4-100.6 gns. Surfaces evenly corroded with damage on reverse field 7-9 o'clock. Small rim bumps on obverse 1-2 o'clock. All three of planchet clips.~~ Total 3 pieces.

6.2-F.1

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

The Very Rare Miller 6.2-F.1

104 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.2-F.1. Rarity-3 [traditional, probably R-5]. 125.6 grains. Very Fine, nearly in the choice category. Well struck, with full legends and a sharp date, the latter unusual for the variety. The central design details are sharp, and there is even some grapevine detail visible on the reverse shield. Very dark brown surfaces, slightly glossy. There is a tiny planchet flaw above the ribbon ends on the obverse and another on the reverse between the N of INDE and Liberty's knee; neither are all that detracting, as they are well hidden by the surfaces. An attractive example of this variety, much more difficult to locate than its traditional rarity rating would suggest, and almost never offered for sale in any grade. Indeed, the only recent auction appearence we can recall is the second Taylor coin, a choice VF, which sold in the C4 convention sale and brought $473. A slightly rough VF was sold in Stack's June, 1993 sale which brought $412.50. We have handled just one other example of the variety, that being the coin offered on our First price list — way back in 1989! The variety was also completely missing from this cataloguer's large personal collection of Connecticut coppers, which was sold in the late 1980s. On many want lists, and sure to be of interest at our price of just.....$349

In the Taylor sale Michael Hodder noted that "regarding the rarity of this piece, the late Richard Picker felt the true rating was closer to Rarity-5 than the Rarity-4 it was felt to be at the time (1970s)." As usual, Picker seems to have been correct in his estimation, and our own records support a rarity rating of R-5.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

149 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.2-F.1. Rarity-3 [traditional, probably a full R-5]. 127.7 grains. Fine, a few areas a bit weaker than the grade assigned. Full legends , generally bold [the I of INDE is a bit weaker than the rest], and with a sharp date. A bit weakly struck at the very center at either side, though most of the design details are easily of the grade here assigned. Medium brown surfaces, the reverse with a slightly darker area at the top. Under a glass, the obverse sports a few light hairline scratches, though these are not visible with the naked eye; else, the surfaces are relatively hard and free of any detracting marks or damage. Struck from the usual late die state of the obverse, with a nearly vertical break connecting the lower chin of the obverse bust to the armor that he wears. Although traditionally called a R-3, the variety is obviously much scarcer than that, and is seldom offered for sale in ANY grade. Indeed, the last appearances we recall is the second Taylor coin that appeared in the 1995 C4 convention sale [VF at $473] and a slightly rough VF in Stack's June, 1993 sale at $412.50; no examples were in the recent C4 sales or the third part of the Perkins duplicates. Incidentally, though we have long specialized in Connecticut coppers, we have handled only two specimens over the course of a decade as dealers: one on our First price list in 1989 and another on our Eleventh list in 1996! A chance for the specialist to acquire a rare and unappreciated variety BEFORE its true rarity becomes widely known!.....$169

We note that in the Taylor sale, Michael Hodder noted that "the late Richard Picker felt the true rating was closer to Rarity-5 than the Rarity-4 it was felt to be at the time (1970's)." As usual, Picker seems to have been correct in his estimate!

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

PERHAPS THE FINEST KNOWN

20 **1785. M. 6.3–G.1.** R–3. Hair similar to that on the "African" head, like obv. 6.5 below; long square-ended ribbons. Large Liberty cap (the other die with this obv. G.2 has small cap). **Extremely Fine, lustrous light brown with reddish mottlings,** sharply struck except in centers; die giving way between N and knee, between E and hand, with an early state of the break at F, accounting for most of the local weaknesses. **Exceptionally clean; excellent surfaces,** free of notable defect though somewhat granular in centers as made. Many grades finer than the Hoch Plate coin, sharper than the Miller Plate coin, that in Lester Merkin's 1973 Sale, that in the Bowers April 1972 list, or the Appleton–MHS specimen. **We do not positively know of a finer example.** Ex Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** $125 **($200.–up)**

$125

EAC'75

SEE COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA C.205 ?

20

6.3-G.1

M 6.3-G.1

Rarely Seen Die States

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988

OK VF-20

$165

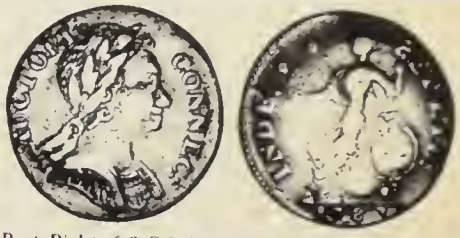
NORWEB

2472 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.3-G.1.** F-15. Rarity-3. 135.0 grains. 28.7mm. 185°. Light golden brown, with some iridescence. Later obverse state than Taylor: 2323 and 2324, not quite as late as Taylor: 2325. Reverse also later than Taylor: 2323 and 2324. Both dies are now sinking in their centers.

Purchased between 1913-1915.

Reverses G.1 and G.2 appear to be the same die, after grinding and recutting some elements. See Taylor: 2325 for a detailed description.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976



530 1785 Bust Right. 6.3-G.1 (R-3). VF-EF. From an advanced state of the dies, with reverse buckled through the arm of Ms. Liberty/Britannia. Perfect planchet. Light brown coloration.

$70

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

HAIRLINE SCRATCHES FAIR

TAYLOR

2323 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.3-G.1. Mailed Bust Right.** 136.0 grains. Rarity-3. **EF-40.** Overall sharpness of EF-40, typically weak in the centers. Usual die break above E of INDE on the reverse. Many very old hairline scratches on the obverse, which have since faded. Even, deep olive green with some pale brown highlights. Sharpness very comparable to the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen and seemingly superior to the Stack's M.H.S. example (1973).

$165

STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 # 22 TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2324 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.3-G.1. Mailed Bust Right.** 141.6 grains. Rarity-3. F-12. Off center on the reverse, and with a rim clip. Included by Mr. Taylor as it illustrates an advanced state of these dies, with some spreading and filling of the letters in the obverse legend and a much more pronounced break above F in INDE on the reverse. OK, BUT EDGE DENT SEE STACK'S SALE 1/14/92 # 204 (PLATE)

$88

220

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1221 **1785 M.6.3-G.1.** Very Good but porous;

1 OF 4 PIECES

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2313 6.3-G.1. 139.0 grains. R-3. AG-3, porous and softly struck. Also originally attributed by the late Richard Picker;

1 OF 4 PIECES TAYLOR

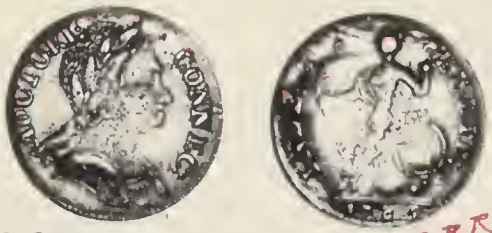
NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

14 1785 Bust Facing Right M #6.3–6.1 (R–3) VERY FINE–20, a few deep planchet pits on the reverse. High condition census.

$35

1785 Connecticut Miller 6.3-G.~~X~~ /

BOWERS "GARRETT" COLL.' OCT 1, 1980



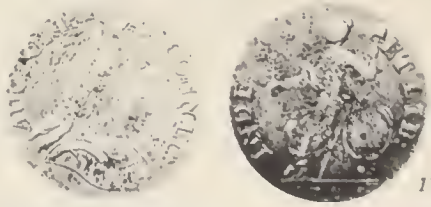
A. TERRANOVA

GARRETT

1339 **1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.3-G.~~X~~.** 138.6 grains. Rarity-4. Mailed bust facing right. Perfectly centered **AU or better,** struck on a slightly porous planchet. Somewhat weak in the central portions as made. Date is full and sharp. A coin which has seen little if any actual wear OPEN $120 – SOLD $1,000 –

From the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby

1785 Issues: COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA, 1990



SEE EAC'75 # 20 ?

1785 copper

C.205. **1785 Copper:** Mailed bust right, vars show colons or pellets between words.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5647 ☆ M 6.3-G.1. Rarity-3. Sharpness of EF-40, once cleaned. Heavily flawed, reverse verdigris. 136.3 grains. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor:2323; reverse equivalent to Taylor:2324. (Total: 4 pieces)

330.00

1 OF 4 PIECES

6.3-G.1

BOWERS "SPRINGFIELD COLL." DEC 15-18, 1981

WHT. 151.5 GRAINS

500o **1785 Connecticut copper. Mailed bust right type.** Miller 6.3-G.1. Obverse portrait similar to the African head; large Liberty cap. **The lovely glossy chocolate brown surfaces suggest a grade of AU,** and a few details are of near full mint sharpness, but this was imperfectly struck, so that many details, particularly in the centers, are much weaker, and some were not brought up at all. Somewhat granular in centers as made (this granularity was on the original planchets). Comparable to the 1975 EAC sale coin, Lot 20, although this is from a later die state with heavy multiple clash marks at top of reverse. Should be examined. $435—

H.I.M. INC. SALE NOV 4, 1983

POSSIBLE CONDITION CENSUS

WHT. 151.5 GR.

56 **1785. M.6.3-G. 1** (R-3). **EF. (Photo)** R. MARTIN COLL

Light brown toning, nice planchet free of defects though somewhat granular at centers as struck, obverse as sharp as EAC #20 with eye and nose even clearer, heavy die clashing on reverse which is weak at left center. $220—

EXCEPTIONAL MINT STATE 1785 MILLER 6.3-G.1

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

HALL-OECHSNER-PARTRICK

OECHSNER

OK/NICE UNC

1,000—
6,500—

Lot No. 1034

1034 **1785 Miller 6.3-G.1.** Mailed bust right. 141.1 grains. **Mint State.** Sharply struck on a defective planchet, defects on the face and neck, as well as on the lower half of Liberty. Die clashing visible to the left and right of Liberty's head. Mottled olive green and walnut, glossy surfaces. Die break over E on the reverse, and another one from the rim through N to the branch hand. Superior to the Taylor and EAC coins. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$7,150—

From the Virgil Brand Collection; earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

OECHSNER

XF OKT

TO THE BOOK (MAIL)

400—
1,000—

Lot No. 1035

1035 **1785 Miller 6.3-G.1.** Another. 148.3 grains. **Extremely Fine,** typical weakness at the centers. Medium brown and olive, a smoky patch behind the head. Die bulging at the left reverse. Really a superb specimen.

$4,100—

STACK'S "ESSEX INSTITUTE" FEB 6, 1975

30 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.3-G.1. Rarity 3. Same type. Very nicely struck and centered, with a few minor weaknesses. Date almost full. Fine. $40—

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY" SALE MARCH 29, 1973

39 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.3-G.1. Rarity 3. Mailed bust right. Sharply struck, but two planchet flaws in the central figure. Excellent glossy surfaces and a warm dark brown. Very Fine.

45—

NASCA 'M. BRYAN COLL' NOV 2, 1977

12 **1785.** Miller 6.3-G.1 R-3. VG.

Obv approaches sharpness of Fine; some details of rev Fine or better, balance barely G due to die buckling. Both obv. and rev. have scattered shallow pitting. Obv lettering ⅔'s readable, with only AUCT being difficult to read. Rev devices about half gone but lettering all readable except E of INDE which is weak as are last two numerals of date.

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1109. ~~1785 Miller 6.1-A.1. Rarity 4. Very Good. Brown~~ 1785 Miller 6.3-G.1. Rarity 3. Very Good. Struck from worn dies, giving the planchet a wavy appearance. 131.3 grains.

85—

A total of two coins in the lot.

6.3-G.1

PINE TREE "EAC'76 SALE" MARCH 5, 1976

2104 **1785. Mailed Bust r. Miller 6.3—G-1.** (R-3) Difficult to grade, **this has some details Very Fine, others weaker,** more like VG, some of this weakness from advanced rev. die failure, far later than that seen in EAC lot 20; pleasant light tan surfaces, one small obv. dig. Far above average, as the specimens which bring this down to R-3 are mostly well worn. **($85.-100.)**

$30

"Company for Coining Coppers," New Haven. Tall head, hair somewhat like that on the "African Head," long square-ended ribbons, large Liberty cap.

GOOD COLOR

BOWER'S "SPRINGFIELD COLL" SEPT 22, 1981 VF(20)

3. 1785 Connecticut. Mailed bust right. Miller 6.3-G.1. ~~Rare or better~~ Weak in dates as struck. A coin which has received very little ... specialist $99 — 134.3 GRAINS

R. MARTIN — D. MITUZAS 6/6/87

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 6.3-G.1 (R-3). Good $11.00; Extremely Fine – far, far superior to any other 6.3-G.1 we've offered in recent years. Well-centered, uniformly struck, and sharp in all portions . 175.00

Typical 1785 variety: known as the "Bust right" type, variety 6.3-G.1, this piece was struck near New Haven, Connecticut. On this variety the bust faces right. Note the pronounced hair strands. The legends are: AUCTORI: CONNECT: (by the authority of Connecticut) on the obverse and INDE: ET LIB: (Independence and Liberty) on the reverse. The legends are punctuated by colons. The date, 1785, is crudely cut and irregularly spaced. BOWER'S RCR #7 SEPT, 1970

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1785 Bust right. 6.3-G.1. (R-3). Good $11.00; Fine $23.00, VF $49.00, EF 95.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

6.3-G.1 9426 (4) GOOD 4

9427 (20/7) VF/VG

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

Lot No. 935

TO JIM GOUDGE

935 **1785 M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** Rarity 3. **Strong Very Fine.** 148.7 gns. Olive brown obverse, light reddish brown reverse. Both surfaces micro granular but appear hard and smooth. Slightly off center both sides, reverse most noticeably. Deep flaw into effigy's temple, otherwise a very clean looking coin. Obverse buckled horizontally through center; reverse across upper third, branch hand and neighboring E fading.

150 / 300 / 330

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections NO TICKET

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

936 **1785 M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** Another. Rarity 3. Fine. 139.8 gns. Deep orange-brown. Lightly granular in places, some old marks, one new one on reverse. Very late die states; ~~**M.6.4-I. MBR.** Rarity 3. Very Fine-Fine. 115.1 gns. Dark brown fields, lighter high points. Obverse striated across; short reverse scratch. Obverse rim end over A; short break connects A to bust; reverse failing in right field; TLIB joined by breaks~~. 2 pieces.

75 / 150 / 165

1785 6.3-G.1 WHT. 142.7 GR.
STRONG VERY FINE, CLIP
R. MARTIN C&L. OCT, 1992

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

LIGHT SCRATCH REV.

300 / 800 / $880

OK + XF

HESSBERG

Lot No. 1344

1344 **1785 Miller 6.3-G.1.** 134 grains. Mailed bust right. Very well- centered with a wealth of detail, only high points of seated Liberty are weak. Deep glossy olive-brown. Extremely Fine.

STACK'S F.P.L. FALL 1991 LOT # 32 1,150 (PLATE)

2239 1785-1787. Group of 4 Pieces. NASCA SALE DEC 7-10, 1981

80

~~1785: M.6.3, cleaned and porous G-VG. 1786: M.5.2 (R.3), VG+-F, dark. 1787: M.4.L (Horned Bust), VG+, obverse scratches; M.37.1, Fd.~~ Good. Sold As Is - No Returns.

McLAUGHLIN & ROBINSON SALE, JAN 27, 1988

9 1785 M 6.3-G 1 MAILED BUST RIGHT R3 DETAIL BETTER BUT TOUGH TO GRADE AG3

6.3-G.1

$110 MID-AMERICAN "1987 AUG SALE" AUG 21-22, 1987

13. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Very Fine (30/30). Miller 6.3-G.1. Nicely detailed, with swelling on the reverse caused by a late state of the dies. Well above-average for the variety. 110-

BOWERS' SCOTT SALE JUNE 5, 1975

80 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers:~~ (1) 1785 mailed bust right. Miller 6.3-G.1. Fine; ~~(2) 1787 mailed bust left. Miller 4.L. *Horned Bust* variety. Early state of the die with crescent-shaped die break in field. VG; (3) 1787 draped bust left. Miller 17-g.3. Fine; (4) 1787 draped bust left. Miller 31.2-r.3. Fine. Weakly struck. (Total: 4 pieces)~~ 110- 110-

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

6.3-G.1	1785	EF-/VF	R3	Wrinkled reverse
6.3-G.1	1785	F+/F+	R3	Wrinkled reverse
6.3-G.1	1785	F/F-	R3	Wrinkled reverse
6.3-G.1	1785	VG/VG	R3	L ALDIN Counterstamp; V
6.3-G.1	1785	F-/VG+	R3	Reverse die break at ET
6.3-G.1	1785	F+	R3	Attempted obverse puncture
6.3-G.1	1785	F+	R3	Sunken reverse die.
6.3-G.1	1785	G/G	-	Contemporaneous counterfeit

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

26) 1785 M.6.3-G.1 Fine. Late die state. V shaped rim defect at 2 o'clock and a smaller one at 12 o'clock. Defect in hair. -C

27) 1785 M.6.3-G.1 Earlier die state. Dark olive green. Small rim defect at 3 o'clock. Bottom of date off flan. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

HOCH PLATE / ANS SPEC.?

6^3 G^1

HOCH PLATE

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

130 — 1785 Miller 6.3–G.1. Rarity 3. Dark brown VF. Perfectly centered, full date, sharp strike. Superior to the obverse plated in Miller (rev. not plated). From a later state of the dies with obverse buckling in front of face. Struck on a somewhat rough planchet. 35-

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

131 — 1785 Miller 6.3–G.1. Another VF with slightly more wear than the last and with several small planchet defects. From a still later state of the dies showing further bucking. Less wear than the Miller plate coin. (PDV). 25-

EX. OECHSNER 300- 800-

EX. OECHSNER LOT # 1035 AT $ 1,100-

Lot No. 1520

STACK'S GUNLOCKE SALE" MARCH 16, 1989 A-TERRANOVA

1520 1785 Miller 6.3-G.1. 148.3 grains. **Extremely Fine,** typical weakness at the centers. Medium brown and olive, a smoky patch behind the head. Die bulging at the left reverse. Really a superb specimen. $880-

STACK' STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

80 1785 Miller 6.3-G.1. Intermediate die state, break over E in INDE growing, and the branch arm weakened by the bulge. Light porosity on the head, as usual. Medium brown and deep red. **Extremely Fine.** BASICALLY XF 40 OK COLOR 467.50 200/425- R. MARTIN

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986 LOT # 1789

M.6.3-G.1 (R-3). 118.95 grains. Same type. Fine, but very weak centers, deep reddish brown toning. ~~2 pieces.~~ 32.50 1 OF 2 PIECES.

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY SALE" MARCH 29, 1973

58 ~~Connecticut Coins. A total of 4 coins:~~ 1785 Miller 6.3-G.1. Rarity 3; ~~1787 Miller 22.5-T.2. Rarity 2; 1787 Miller 33.10-T.7. Rarity 5; 1787 Miller 37.8-HH. Rarity 3. ET LIB variety. Found in another Merkin sale.~~ Average Good to Very Good. 4 pieces. 20-

NEW NETHERLAND'S 35TH SALE NOV 10, 1951

553 — 1785. Conn Cent. Bust r. Miller 6¹-G¹. Fine or better. Comparatively well struck. Cost $5.00. 3.50

6.3-G.1

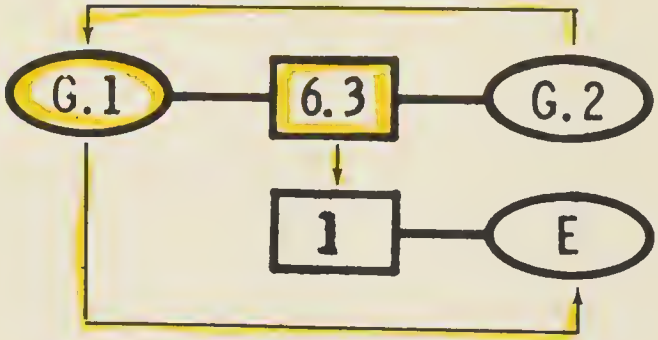
MILLER PLATE

OBV

2083 1785. ~~C. 6 (2) F (1), 4 C;~~ 6 (3)--G (1)--~~6 (4) 1.~~ G. to abt. Fine. Scarce. 5 pcs. .26

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1819 1785. Rx. INDE . . ET LIB: C. 6 (3) G F. 1. Fine. .60



DIE ANALYSIS CHART SHOWING
PROBABLE SEQUENCE of DIE REWORK and USAGE

REWORKED DIE VARIETY GROUP (1785)

BARNSLEY SPECIMEN

G.1 6.3 G.2

1 E

COVER

6.3-G.1

CONT'd

In the most extreme cases the image was almost entirely ground off the die and the die blank then reused . This appears to have occurred several times in the early years of the Connecticut coinage. An example is the following 1785 Connecticut varieties: 6.3-G.1, 6.3-G.2 and 1-E. These are diagrammed on page 826 as they appear on the CNL Experimental Die Analysis Chart for the Connecticut Coppers.[28] Photo-optical comparisons seem to suggest that these five die varieties, combined into three combinations, issued from only two die blanks. These results are tentative because we do not yet have sufficiently accurate photographic equipment to make an absolutely positive determination.

Our preliminary conclusions regarding this sequence is that the original G.2 reverse was repolished and so drastically reworked that Miller failed to recognize it and identified the reworked die as G.1 which was in turn again drastically reworked and became E. Sometime during this chain of events Obverse 6.3 was reworked and became known as Obverse 1. There is no question that today these varieties are quite different but an analysis of the exact similarities suggests the sequence outlined above. The final result, if this analysis is correct and there were no other reworkings prior to the Obverse 6.3 and Reverse G.2 die states, is that only two die blanks, two chunks of metal, produced five different coinage varieties!

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

58 1785 M.6.3-G.1, ~~M.B.R., 1787 M.4-L, "Horned Bust", date missing, 1787 M.37.11-FF, D.B.L. All are a~~ nice Fine. Lot of 3 pieces. 60 — 60 —

D. LINETT (SAN DIEGO SHOW) OCT 14-15, 1988

1247 1785 & ~~1786~~ CONNECTICUT LOT of FIVE. Includes: ~~1785, M 3.4-F.1 (VG)~~ & M 6.3-G.1 (VG) ~~and 1786, M 4.1-G (VG) - M 5.3-N (Hercules Head) (Porous G+ with a split planchet) & M 5.8-O.2 (VG recolored). Sold "as is" as a lot, no return.~~ (5 coins).....(100-200)

MID-AMERICA SALE "1991 FUN" JAN 4, 1991

21. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Fine. Miller 6.3-G.1, Rarity 3. Dark brown with lighter high points. Lightly scratched on both sides, most noticeably on the reverse.

1785 M.6.3-G.I Fine(I2). Late die state with reverse severely buckled. Medium brown with darker toning around periphery. R. MARTIN - R. GEARY 2/14/86
Ex. Stack's "Robison" May I3,I982 lot#58 one of three pieces in lot. WHT. 132.3 GR.

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

3. 1785 M.6.3-G.1. Fine to Very Fine detail, moderately and evenly porous surfaces. Dark steel brown color, well struck and centered..... 75.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

4. 1785 Bust Right, M.6.3-G.1. Very Fine, orange-brown color..... 65.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.6.3-G.1. Very Good to Fine, light brown color, virtually full date and legends. Rim clip at 7:00 and a few light planchet defects in central obverse- a nice coin for the grade..... 45.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #12 NOV, 1982

2. 1785 Miller 6.3-G.1 Mailed Bust Right, R-4, Very Good-8. Some planchet defects and a minor clip at 7 o'clock. Nice color. $40

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

6. 1785 Miller 6.3-G.1. Very Fine-20, R-3. Strong legends and nice color. Some very light scratches on both obverse and reverse that do not detract. Mailed Bust Right. $125

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST SEPT, 1982

16 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.6.3-G.1. Often mistaken for the African Head, which it is not, because of the large bust. Choice Very Fine or better. Obverse bolder than reverse, cf. Garrett specimen, lot 1339. Smooth light brown on an excellent planchet 250.00

6.3-G.1

PENNY-WISE ISSUE #145 P. 205 JULY 15, 1991

DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN MILLER'S 6.3-G.1 AND 6.3-G.2

Bob Lomprey, Jr.

As a collector of Connecticut Coppers, sometimes I find it difficult to differentiate between certain coins. Such was the case with these two coppers. The common way is to tell that the G.2's Liberty Cap is smaller. This can be difficult. To compound the problem, the first of these two coins that I obtained was advertised as a G.2 and in reality was a G.1. It was obtained from a large coin company, who later had the same mis-attribution in a very famous auction.

To correctly attribute these, simply imagine an angle that would form by merging the date line with a line connecting the second quatrefoil and the Liberty Cap. The G.1 line is about parallel to the date line and would not merge; while the G.2 has an angle of about 10° and would merge about six inches to the right.

Miller 6.3-G.1 Miller 6.3-G.2

EX. TAYLOR SALE 3/27/87 #2324
SEE STACK SALE SEPT 21, 1984 LOT #22
STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

204 **1785** M.6.3-G.1 (R-2). 141.5 grains. A nice, light brown and olive specimen with glossy surfaces. The reverse is a bit off center, but the date and INDE are bold. Small planchet clip at lower right obverse. Very Fine or virtually so. OFF CENTER CLIP TO J. PIERUINCENTI, AS F12
Ex Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 27, 1987, lot 2324). 286.00 88.00

204

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

153 1785 Connecticut copper. M 6.3-G.1. Mailed Bust Right. Sharpness approaching EF-40, overall value of F-15. Rarity-3. 127.2 grains. Usual die break at E of INDE on the reverse. Visual sharpness equivalent to Taylor:2323, although surfaces moderately granular. A deep tan specimen of this relatively scarce issue. 44.00

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6512 Pair of 1785 Connecticut copper issues ~~☆M 4.3-A.2 Mailed Bust Right F-12 Rarity-3 127.9 grains Typical obverse state with wedge-shaped die break from rim to point of effigy's shoulder Pale olive-brown surfaces with some planchet fissures noted on both sides Reverse die flaws noted at LIB~~ ☆M.6.3-G.1 Mailed Bust Right F-12. Rarity-3. 138.7 grains Pale golden surfaces, lightly cleaned long ago Typical central weakness noted on both sides An edge flaw is noted at 12:00 relative to the obverse (Total. 2 pieces) 86.00

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #9 SUMMER 1994 LOT #96
COIN GALLERIES "PICKER REF. COLL." JULY 22, 1992

2604 **1785 M 6.3-G.1.** MBR. R-3. 125.8 gns. ~~Choice~~ Fine. Soft in the centers due to advanced reverse failure in left field. Olive brown. Inactive verdigris around most letters. Both surfaces granular. States later than Taylor:2323, the reverse sinking and the failure now engaging E, right arm and branch totally obscured. This variety is usually found in Fine condition NOT CHOICE 49.50

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2096 **1785 M.6.3-G.1 MBR.** Fine. Rarity 3. 141.9 grains. Dark brown and green. Surfaces micro-granular, minor flaws. Late states for this combination, the obverse beginning to fail behind head; the reverse heavily sunken in centers, first E beginning to fail. A technically interesting coin. 30 - 50 - 55 -
SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING 1993 LOT #51 @99.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

97. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 6.3-G.1, another. 141.9 grains. Fine or slightly better, many of the hair and bust details easily of the VF level, but struck from the extremely late state of the dies, where the reverse has begun to sink heavily in the centers. Full legends and date, the final digit of the latter being a bit weak. Dark brown, but free of any sort of major defect or damage. Not very many more examples could have been struck from this die pair—a very interesting, and quite aesthetically pleasing example of a slightly scarcer variety. WAS $99. EX STACK'S "PERKINS COLL" SALE 3/18/93 #2096 NOW $79

6.3-G.1

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUP'S, APRIL 14, 1993

1974 ~~1785 Miller 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. Basal to Fair. High Rarity 4. 129.0 gns. Orange-brown. Granular;~~ **1785 M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** Sharpness of strong Fine. Rarity 3. 139.2 gns. Dark brown. Deep dent center obverse. Late reverse state; **another.** Fine. 131.9 gns. Golden brown. Very granular. Reverse scratched. Slightly later reverse state; **a third.** Fine/Very Good. 139.4 gns. Fairly even brown. Lightly granular. Much later reverse state, entire center sinking now. 4 pieces. 3 PIECES 121.00

~~The first ex H. Melnick Sale (November 4, 1983, part of lot 26); the third, ex G.N.A. Sale (Mid American Rare Coin Auctions, May 24, 1986, lot 1109).~~

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

103 1785 ~~M.3.4-F.2. MBR. ET LIR. R-2. Nearly Fine. 149.5 gns. Olive brown and green on a broad flan. Lamination at 10:00 obverse rim; M.4.4-C. MBR. R-3. Fine. 147.9 gns. Dark brown, minor flaws, partial date;~~ **M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** R-3. Very Fine, obverse corroded, scratched. 145.9 gns. Dark olive. Late reverse state and the sole justification for owning this coin. 3 pieces. 40 150 165

~~The second is from our March 18, 1993 sale, lot 2093; earlier, ex Norweb II, lot 2400.~~

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

108 1785 **M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** R-3. Technical Very Fine. 135.0 gns. Olive tan, surfaces a bit granular. Softness entirely due to advanced die states. A thoroughly representative example of the variety in these late states. 160 160 176

STACK'S / BOYD – RYDER / JUNE 8, 1994

18 ~~1785 M.6.2-F.1. MBR. R-3. Porous Fine, reverse especially. 148.4 gns. Perfect dies;~~ **M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** R-3. Very Fine, given the very late states. 135.5 gns. Nice olive, a bit rough in places. 2 pieces. T. RINALDO 125 220

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

240. THREE CONNECTICUT COPPERS. 1785 M.6.3-G.1 MBR (R-3) VF20 139.2 gns. Dark brown with light brown devices. Central punch mark on obverse. Struck off center. Smooth planchet.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

248. UNBELIEVABLE! ANOTHER GROUP OF SIX CONNECTICUT COPPERS! 1785 M.6.3-G.1 MBR (R-3) low F12 131.9 gns. Polished, porous. Dig through last digit of date.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

018. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.3-G.1 MBR R3 VF25. 133.4 gns. Dark olive brown, both sides with even granularity but still highly reflective. The reverse is struck off center to the right with the very tops of a few letters just falling off the flan. All examples to a degree exhibit central weakness especially on the reverse where the die is known to bulge at the left, as is the case here.

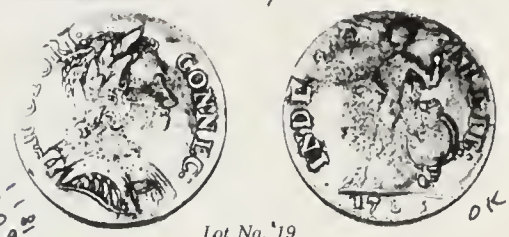
SEE STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992 LOT # 204
STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994

220.00 *Lot No. 22* EX TAYLOR # 2324

22 **1785 M.6.3-G.1.** MBR. R-2. Very Fine, or virtually so. 141.5 gns. Light brown and olive, somewhat glossy, reverse a bit off center but date and INDE bold. Small clip lower right obverse.

Ex Stack's Sale (January 1992), lot 204; earlier, ex Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 1987), lot 2324.

STACK'S / BOYD – RYDER / JUNE 8, 1994



270 290 319.00 *Lot No. 19* BID OK + VF

T. TERRANOVA

19 **1785 M.6.3-G.1. MBR.** R-3. Very Fine, minor central granularity. 144.4 gns. Good olive color, altogether an acceptable example of the late state of the variety.

From Tom Elder's July 10, 1920 sale, lot 1054. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot, graded "Fine."

From the late states of the dies: obverse failing from CT to base of second N; reverse center sinking, break from rim to first E heavy, bulge in left field now covers right arm and branch, breaks formed across top of die but no bulge there yet (i.e., not as advanced as the latest we have seen, ex HM sale November 1983).

STACK'S SALE MARCH 6, 1996

935.00 *Lot No. 5*

5 **1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.3-G.1.** About Uncirculated. 144.8 grains. Round-headed Mailed Bust Right, exceptionally tall lettering, bold and well centered date characterize this deeply glossy brown coin. This grade places the coin ahead of the Frederick Taylor and Pine Tree/EAC specimens of this elusive and desirable variety.

From Thomas L. Elder's July 1920 sale, lot 1054.

BOWER'S "FRED & WARD COLL'S" NOV 13-14, 1995

3019 1785 M.6.3-G.1. Mailed Bust Right. VG to Fine where struck up, typical central weakness. Rarity-3. 136.9 grains. Medium brown with lighter high points.

SEE COIN GALLERIES "PICKER REFERENCE COLLECTION" JULY 22, 1992 LOT # 2604 49.00
ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL # 9 SUMMER, 1994

96. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 6.3-G.1. Rarity-3. 125.8 grains. Choice Fine, some details much nicer. This coin is from the RICHARD PICKER REFERENCE COLLECTION of Connecticut coppers, though the piece is actually quite a bit more attractive than the description in that sale made it sound. The legends and date are bold and sharp, a situation not usually seen from the late state of the reverse die [no doubt the reason that Picker included it in his reference collection]. The coin is a matte-like medium brown, slightly rough but with no post-striking damge or defect. All in all, the coin has a lot of eye appeal for a variety that usually comes "blah." The pedigree to the most knowledgable and respected collector and dealer of colonials ever certainly doesn't hurt the desirability of this coin!.....$89

6.3-G.1

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C-4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

185-
240-
264

190. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.3-G.1 MBR (R-3) VF25 140.1 gns. Dark olive brown, both sides with light even granularity but still highly reflective. A variety that can fairly readily be found in upper grades, but all examples to a degree exhibit central weakness especially on the reverse where the die is known to bulge at the left. One can not easily obtain much greater detail than this coin displays, short of condition census examples.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C-4 BARNES OCT 12, 1996

72-
90-
82

D. MIFUZAS

191. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.3-G.1 MBR (R-3) VF25 135.4 gns. Dark brown. Porous surfaces with non-distracting scratches on reverse throughout left field and onto Liberty. Reverse struck slightly to right. E of INDE beginning to fail. No clips or bruises.
Ex Early American Numismatics (Mail Bid Sale 12-11-93, Lot 37).

6.3-G.1

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

76 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.3-G.1. Rarity-3. 159.3 grains. Very Fine, the obverse nearly choice. Well struck, with full legends, the date obscured by a small planchet flaw in that area. The obverse has great design detail, with full mailing and significant hair strands. The reverse is a bit weaker, due solely to the late state of that die, which is severely failing at the left side and at the top. Amazingly, the legends are still full and sharp, and the only design detail lost is Liberty's branch and arm. Gorgeous light brown surfaces that are hard and extremely glossy. One small planchet flaw at the top of the obverse, and the aforementioned flaw at the lower reverse are the only ones on the coin. Although this variety is often found in grades of VF or so, it is seldom seen with this kind of color and surface quality....$119

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

700-
1300-
1,430-

Lot No. 114

FAIR XF

114 **1785 M.6.3-G.1.** Mailed Bust Right. R-3. 139.7 gns. Choice Extremely Fine, sharpness in most places equal to the technical grade, in others surpassing it. Rather typical central softness, but the piece appears sharper overall than the Taylor coin. Good, attractive, even olive brown color. Both surfaces microgranular, as expected, with some very minor pitting on the effigy's cheek. A very distinctive variety, with the long ribbons that end near the rim and seem to crowd AUCTORI into the head. Obverse state about equivalent to the Taylor coin's; reverse earlier, the failure on Liberty's right arm not as heavy.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

115 **1785 M.6.3-G.1.** Another. 139.0 gns. Very Fine for technical grade, sharpness a grade lower, but the coin's appearance is a lot like the Taylor coin's, which was graded EF-40. A trifle darker olive brown than the previous specimen's color. Surfaces microgranular, some minor pitting on both sides. Die states a little later than the Taylor coin's, much later than the previous, with Liberty's right arm more heavily fading and the break from rim to E now sharper.

400-
400-
440-

Ex Jim Ruddy in June, 1970.

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1998

158 **1785 M.6.3-G.1.** MBR. 139.0 gns. Very Fine for technical grade, sharpness a grade lower. Dark olive brown. Surfaces microgranular, some minor pitting on both sides.

425-
425-
467.50

Die states a little later than the Taylor coin's, Liberty's right arm mare heavily fading and the break from rim ta E now sharper.

PINE TREE 'EAC '75' FEB 15, 1975

6.3-G.2

21 **1785. M. 6.3–G.2. R–4.** Similar — even to the die failure from E to hand — but smaller Liberty cap. **Very Fine,** though the grapevines on shield are weak; otherwise boldly struck on a planchet almost free of defects and with far less granularity than usual. Pleasing even natural light brown. Few tiny edge nicks. **Considerably finer than the Hoch Plate coin or than Lot 132 of Merkin Oct. 1973 sale at $300. (to a dealer), several grades better overall than Ruby Lot 52. (Photo)** **($200.–up)**

$325

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.6.3-G.2
VERY FINE TO EXTREMELY FINE
NICE VF/XF
EX COLONEL GREEN COLLECTION

EAC '75

21

BETTER THAN PLATE VF20

DAMAGED DIES

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1997

2325 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.3-G.2. Mailed Bust Right.** 137.7 grains. Rarity-4. **VF-20.** Struck from heavily damaged dies, a pronounced bulge behind the effigy's head on the obverse resulting in loss of detail on Miss Liberty's right arm on the reverse. Several pits and bumps on both surfaces, including a depression on the reverse from 3:00 to 5:30, totally a result of poor flan preparation. Light golden brown. This combination appears frequently in Very Fine and lower condition. The finest known appears to be Garrett: 1339. SEE L. MERKIN SALE OCT, 1973 → *From Lester Merkin's sale of October 1973, Lot 132.* LOT #132

$275

Although the reverse has been given a separate number, G 2, there are several close similarities between this and G 1. The wedged shape die break on the rim above E of INDE, which is a feature typical of G 1 appears in the photograph of G.2 in the Pine Tree/E A.C. sale, Lot 21. The position of the numerals in the date is close on both varieties, as are the shapes of those numerals. The placement of the branch in Miss Liberty's hand with respect to the quatrefoils and the size of the cap on Miss Liberty's pole, could all be explained as recutting of the reverse die. Placement of the letters on the reverse, their shapes and sizes and, the ornamentation around Miss Liberty's shield, are all very similar. It would be instructive to study this reverse variety over many different specimens, to see if they are indeed different dies.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

15 1785 Bust Facing Right M #6.3–G.2 (R–4) FINE–15 with some details Very Fine. Many light surface marks, edge bump at 5 o'clock, and counterstamped "5" on the obverse. Pleasing color and surfaces.

$25

CROSBY PLATE (1875)
6.3-G.2

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

531 1785 Bust Right. 6.3-G.2 (R-4). VF-EF. Some light areas of definition, due to striking. Dark planchet with some trivial waviness.

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POSSIBLY FINEST KNOWN 1785 MILLER 6.3-G.2

HALL - OECHSNER - PARTRICK

OECHSNER

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

MORE LIKE XF/AU NOT CHOICE

CROSBY PLATE

1,000-
2,250

Lot No 1036

1036 **1785 Miller 6.3-G.2.** Mailed bust right. (R-4). 152.9 grains. **Choice About Uncirculated,** struck on a porous planchet. Sharper strike on the upper neck and lower hair than usual, some weakness on the lower neck and matching area of Liberty. All three vines faint but visible. A small amount of the bottom of 1 and 5 in the date off the flan. The head and face are in excellent condition, virtually free of granularity. Noticeably nicer looking than Garrett:1339, Taylor:2325, or EAC:21 *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$3,575

From the Virgil Brand Collection, earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection

6.3-G.2

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" OCT 18, 1975

485 1785 Large bust r. M. 6.3-G.2. (R-4) **Very Good or better,** black, devices highlighted, everything clear except U; despite light and insignificant porosity, this gives the impression of smoothness. Unusually pleasing for its technical grade. Miller's attribution in obv. fields, with his M at right. Ex Henry Clay Miller coll. $ 30 — ($100.-125.)

Dies of lot 21, our EAC sale. Hair copied by the maker of the "African" dies, long squared ribbons, small Liberty cap.

COIN GALLERIES SALE, AUG 7, 1985

Lot No. 1418

1418 1785 Miller 6.3-G.2 (R-4). 119.9 grains. Deep brownish black patination, die break at left reverse, slightly granular, small defect at mouth. Very Fine.
66 —

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY COLL" FEB 11, 1974

52 1785. Similar. Miller 6.3–G2, rare late state with heavy die break at E of INDE causing severe die failure in central areas, as on the Vlack plate coin. Fine for coin, central weaknesses as mentioned, more of dentilated borders show than on Vlack plate coin; planchet rough and with many minor defects as usual. Very scarce variety, very rare die state, unusual condition.
55 —

BOWER'S "W.F. SCHREEDER SALE" APRIL 22-25, 1979

965 1785 Connecticut copper. Bust right. Miller-6.3-62. Heavy diebreak at E of INDE. Fine-12.
43 —

BOWERS "P. MOORE SALE" APRIL 6-8, 1978

2205 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.3-G.2 (Rarity-4). Mailed bust right. VF-30, choice. Beautiful medium brown color — not the usual black or striated planchet. Here and there are areas of light striking, but as this is not unusual on these early American coins, we mention it only for accuracy. $80 —

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1982

325 **1785 Connecticut copper. M 6.3-G.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-15 to VF-20,** overall technical grade. **Rarity-4.** 125.1 grains. On a broad, slightly oval flan. Iridescent gold and olive surface highlights, perhaps lightly cleaned long ago. Usual die break above E in INDE on the reverse. Some faint surface marks are noted on both sides, otherwise nearly the visual equivalent of Taylor:2323, which compared favorably to the Pine Tree/EAC specimen.
132 —

BOWER'S 'STUART LEVINE' APRIL 10-11, 1986

858 1785 Connecticut. Miller-6.3-G.2. 133.7 grains. Very Fine. Dark brown planchet with some waviness. Especially broad diameter showing full peripheral details. 60.50.

D. LINETT SALE JULY 17, 1984

49 1785, M.6.3-G.2, Very Fine with some sharp areas of hair detail grading EF. Reddish in color and the usual weakness of this die at the central areas. Bust right..... $ 250.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 6.3-G.2 (R-4). VF-EF RCR #14..... 99.00

BOWER'S 'M. BROWN' NOV 9-11, 1983

1785 cent bust right VG-10. M6.3-G.2; LOT # 4666
1 OF 12 PIECES

RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1785 Bust right. 6.3-G.2. (R-4). Very Good RCR #7 . . 9/70. . . 25.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

6.3-G.2	1785	VF	R4	smooth planchet surface
6.3-G.2	1785	VF-	R4	Clip.
6.3-G.2	1785	F+/F	R4	

D. LINETT SALE OCT 16, 1984

70 1785, 6.3-G.2, same type, Fine and smooth. R-4. 85.

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6.3-G.2 5210 (2) POOR 2
9435 (8/5) VG/G
5191 (7) VERY GOOD 7

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1785 Copper VG 8.24g 180° Miller 6.3-G.2 (R4)
7905.4.1
1785 Copper F (damaged) 8.16g 180° Miller 6.3-G.2

6.3-G.2

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

28) 1785 M.6.3-G.2 Very Good/Fine. Major swelling at the branch hand and "E" in INDE on reverse. Smooth olive brown fields with devices highlighted in tan. * -C

ANS ← HOCH PLATE

6.3-G.2: Third device puncheons ABEL BUELL

G2

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL JULY 22, 1992

2605 **1785 M 6.3-G.2.** MBR. R-4. 126.4 gns. Technically Fine, appearance of Good. Dark gray-brown. Both surfaces granular. Struck from the clashed and damaged states of the dies, accounting for the softness seen on both sides. Obverse state earlier than Taylor:2325, no obvious failure behind head; reverse state about equivalent. ABT. GOOD

38.00 ABT GOOD

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

132 — 1785 Miller 6.3–G.2. Rarity 4. Pleasant light brown VF. Full date. Buckling behind head and through fillet–ends affecting corresponding portion of reverse. A defect perhaps from the planchet cutter is seen abov IB and to the line above date, affecting the obverse at CO. A sharp strike on a nice smooth planchet.

300 SEE BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987 LOT # 2325

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE, JUNE 27, 1962

23 Similar. First with two reverse quadrefoils, ~~second with small group of four dots and a comma~~. M. 6³·G² (R·4) ~~and 6·4~~. VG or so; first from injured dies, ~~second with severe planchet defects~~. 2 Pcs.

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2313 6.3-G.2. 139.9 grains. R-4. G-4. Planchet waves, edges hammered. Said to be ex-Webb (1946), purchased for $2. (~~Total: 4 pieces~~)

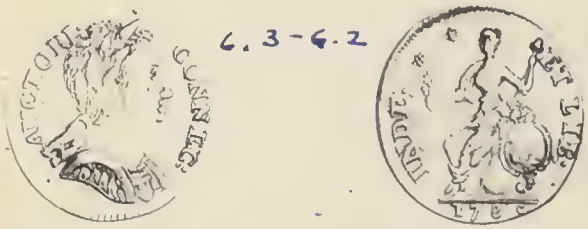
1 OF 4 PIECES TAYLOR

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1820 1785. Similar punctuation. 6-3-G. 2. Rarity 4. VG.

GREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

737 1785 Bust r., large face, long ribbons.
3 vars. Ribbons divide mail and A; colons in legends (but compare next and 741). Crosby, Pl. V, 6. Many struck at 52 to the lb.



6.3-G.2

MCCAWLEY & GREENMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

247. SIX CONNECTICUT COPPERS. 1785 M.6.3-G.2 MBR (R-4) VG8 104.5 gns. Medium brown. Granular throughout, but pleasant. Date visible.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7, 1993

425.00 450.00 485.00

TOO DARK

Lot No. 937 TO D. MITULAS

937 **1785 M.6.3-G.2. MBR.** Rarity 4 (traditional, certainly underestimated, possibly High Rarity 5). Sharpness of Strong Very Fine to Extremely Fine. 142.7 gns. Dark olive green in color. Surfaces micro granular, light reverse pitting. Reverse rim dented and scmped at 8-9:00. Much sharper than many others seen, including the ANS coin, both Taylor sale specimens, and the two in the ANA Museum. From the **Hall Collection.** Obverse perfect; reverse failing horizontally, branch hand fading but E still strong.

Originally from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection, annotated as "H-90" meaning ex Hall in 1890, possibly to Henry Miller, thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd. Round card ticket with "circle H" accompanies this lot.

Hall kept the Crosby plate coin (pl V, n 6) for his collection but did not record when he bought it or from whom.

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1991

3.1785 MBR, M.6.3-G.2, 138.9 grains. Very Fine, smooth tan surfaces with a few minor rim bumps, visible mainly on the reverse. Otherwise a very attractive example of this tough variety; finer than the Taylor specimen. 375.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1985

3. 1785 M.6.3-G.2. Nice Fine, small dent in center of obverse..... 25.0

6.3-G.2

BOWER'S 'ALEXANDER SALE' NOV 14 & 16, 1996

605.00

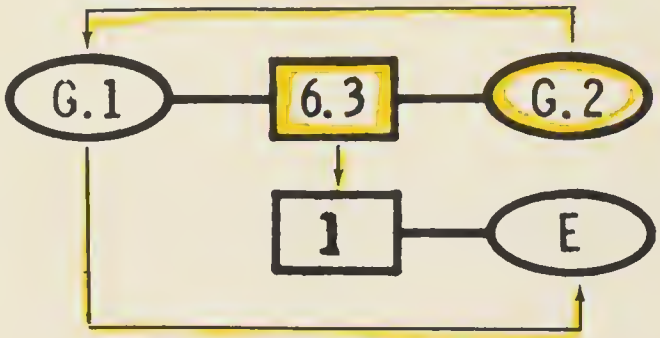
1658 1785 Connecticut. Mailed Bust Right. M 6.3-G.2. VF-25. 137.2 grains. Rarity-4. Smooth, attractive medium brown surfaces with very minor abrasions.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

77 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.3-G.2. Rarity-5 [revised]. 134.5 grains. Very Fine in terms of strike and actual wear received. Full legends and generally bold design detail, the left side of the reverse just a bit weak from the die failure in that area, but the obverse with full mailing and signifcant hair detail. A large, straight clip at the top of the obverse cuts off only the top of the colon after AUCTORI and the date on the reverse. The obverse has been cleaned and is now a bright orange color, though this should tone down in time. The reverse is a much more natural medium brown, with three small areas of orange. If this is the color the coin tones down to, the end result should be fairly attractive A most difficult variety to locate in any grade, it was originally rated an R-4, but over the years it has become clear that it is nowhere near that level. While the Miller 6.3-G.1 appears with some frequency, the 6.3-G.2 is often missing, even in larger offerings of Connecticut coppers. In fact, the only auction records we've been able to trace are the EAC '75 sale, Taylor, Oechsner, the Picker reference collection and Stack's September, 1993 sale, though obviously others do exist.....$99

The Garrett coin was actually a misattributed example of Miller 6.3-G.1; interested collectors may wish to note this in their catalogues so as not to confuse future census listings.

6.3-G.2



DIE ANALYSIS CHART SHOWING
PROBABLE SEQUENCE of DIE REWORK and USAGE

REWORKED DIE VARIETY GROUP (1785)

BARNSLEY SPECIMEN

G.1

6.3

G.2

1

E

OVER →

6.3-G.2

In the most extreme cases the image was almost entirely ground off the die and the die blank then reused . This appears to have occurred several times in the early years of the Connecticut coinage. An example is the following 1785 Connecticut varieties: 6.3-G.1, 6.3-G.2 and 1-E. These are diagrammed on page 826 as they appear on the CNL Experimental Die Analysis Chart for the Connecticut Coppers.[28] Photo-optical comparisons seem to suggest that these five die varieties, combined into three combinations, issued from only two die blanks. These results are tentative because we do not yet have sufficiently accurate photographic equipment to make an absolutely positive determination.

Our preliminary conclusions regarding this sequence is that the original G.2 reverse was repolished and so drastically reworked that Miller failed to recognize it and identified the reworked die as G.1 which was in turn again drastically reworked and became E. Sometime during this chain of events Obverse 6.3 was reworked and became known as Obverse 1. There is no question that today these varieties are quite different but an analysis of the exact similarities suggests the sequence outlined above. The final result, if this analysis is correct and there were no other reworkings prior to the Obverse 6.3 and Reverse G.2 die states, is that only two die blanks, two chunks of metal, produced five different coinage varieties!

PENNY-WISE ISSUE #145 P. 205 JULY 15, 1991

DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN MILLER'S 6.3-G.1 AND 6.3-G.2

Bob Lomprey, Jr.

As a collector of Connecticut Coppers, sometimes I find it difficult to differentiate between certain coins. Such was the case with these two coppers. The common way is to tell that the G.2's Liberty Cap is smaller. This can be difficult. To compound the problem, the first of these two coins that I obtained was advertised as a G.2 and in reality was a G.1. It was obtained from a large coin company, who later had the same mis-attribution in a very famous auction.

To correctly attribute these, simply imagine an angle that would form by merging the date line with a line connecting the second quatrefoil and the Liberty Cap. The G.1 line is about parallel to the date line and would not merge; while the G.2 has an angle of about 10° and would merge about six inches to the right.

Miller 6.3-G.1 Miller 6.3-G.2

6.4-F.5

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

22 **1785. M. 6.4-F.5.** R-6, high possibly R-7. Left foot of I missing; T too high. Domed treatment of the hair later copied on both the NOVA EBORAC coppers and many of Atlee's imitation halfpence. Reverse die almost worn out. **Very Good,** some details stronger, others more like Good; obverse stronger than reverse as always, but everything readable except colon after E and grapevines. **A grossly undervalued variety; no auction records in any grade, none in the Bowers lists, no other seen in some years outside ANS, which has one in much worn state. Not in Dr. Hall, or Stepney Hoard. (Photo)**

$130 ($175.–up)

$130

EAC 1975

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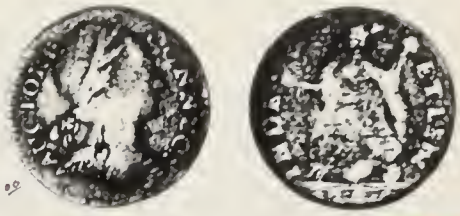
SEE STACK'S SALE 10/17/89 LOT #81 AT $330

BOWER'S 'SEBRING & GARBE' COLL MARCH 21, 1996

Scarce 1785 Connecticut Copper

Miller 6.4-F.5, Rarity-6



$1,045.00

1078 **1785 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Right. M 6.4-F.5. VG. Rarity-6.** 134.0 grains. A rare variety. Obverse sharper than the reverse (which was struck from a worn die), typical for the die combination. Sharpness approaches Taylor:2326; seldom found much finer. Some faint old reverse scratches are noted on deep brown surfaces.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1785 M 6.4-F.5

FIELDS DARK
REV. ROUGH

TAYLOR

2326 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.4-F.5. Mailed Bust Right.** 138.3 grains. **High Rarity-6.** F-12/VG-8. Near or within Condition Census for the variety. Typical softness on the obverse effigy, although the sharpness on this side is quite bold; very typical reverse, from a worn die: cf. Pine Tree/E.A.C.: 22. Light golden tan obverse bust and devices, standing out against a deep brown surface.
From Richard Picker, 1959.

$176

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

532 **1785 Bust Right. 6.4-F.5(R-5).** Rare variety. Very Good. Slightly bent, and with a small dent on obverse. Seldom seen in *any* grade.

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STACK'S SALE JUNE 19, 1980

13 **Connecticut.** Miller 6.4-F.5. Very Good, slightly bent. Better than the A.N.S. specimen. Rarity 6-7. Worth $150.00.

MIS-ATTRIBUTED

~~HERITAGE SALE AUG 11-14, 1993~~

~~1103 1785 Connecticut EXTREMELY FINE (40) Miller 6.4-F.5. (R-5). Bust Right. Splendid light olive-brown. Extremely bold for the issue with a sharp date, visible details on the armor and sharp hair. This is **easily the finest known** of a variety for which no more than 15 exist. 1975 EAC: 22 was only a Good/Very Good while the ANS coin barely reaches that level. *This variety features the peculiar "domed" hairstyle which was later copied by the NOVA EBORAC and many of Atlee's Imitation Halfpence.* 192.50~~

VF DEFECT

3.1-A.3

NEW ENGLAND SALE 3/25/82 LOT # 752

752 1785 Connecticut Cent. Miller-G 4-F 5. High R-6. FINE-12. planchet slightly dished. Reverse dies quite worn, lacking detail. Overall slightly sharper than 1975 EAC Lot #22, described as finest seen in years. (Page 37 of the Guide Book)

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

29) 1785 M.6.4-F.5 Obverse Very Good-Fine detail with some parallel planchet striae. Reverse much weaker, more like Good 3-4 with legends blurred and some planchet striae. Interesting white ink arrows pointing to bottom dot of colons on obverse. -C

6.4-F.5

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989
6.4 F.5 1785 G+ R7 Scratches; Verdigris; m

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920
1822 1785. C. 6 (4), F (5). VGood. .45

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

1785 MILLER 6.4-F.5

The Miller Sale Coin

FAIR VF
DARK FIELDS
TAN DEVICES

Lot No. 20

350-
2700-
DAVE MENCHELL

20 **1785 M.6.4-F.5. MBR. High R-6. Very Fine,** a very good specimen (and so graded by Elder in 1920!). 142.4 gns. Olive green fields, lighter brown high points. Obverse surface mostly clear; short reverse striation at upper left, center soft due to late die state only, tiny central nick. **A rare variety:** not often offered publicly, missing from the Norweb and Perkins duplicates sales, for example. This is the **Miller sale coin.** We have records of only six, this coin being nicer than three of those. There are probably at least five more we have not yet seen so High R-6 is a reasonable guesstimate of 6.4-F.5's appropriate rarity rating. Obverse die perfect; reverse clashed, first colon and hand nearby sinking, breaks developed from left elbow to shield.

970 %
$2,

From Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1822 where it was graded "Very Good." Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

VERY RARE 1785 MILLER 6.4-F.5

EX. EAC 175 SALE
LOT #22 @ $130-

GRANULAR
DARK FIELDS
TAN DEVICES & LEGENDS

300-
300-

Lot No. 81

81 **1785 Miller 6.4-F.5 (R-6,** and high within it). Typical soft reverse from a worn die, and some planchet fissures on the same side. The obverse is somewhat granular but the bust is complete and only O in CONNEC is faint. Deep brown with lighter olive devices. **Very Good,** the reverse weaker.

330-

6.4-F.5

Dick August Collection Nov 4,1999
1785 6.4-F.5 Extremely Fine (40)
Mahagony Brown. Few Trivial Edge Defects.

1785 6.4-F.5 Will Nippier Collection 1995 unattributed from Arkansas dealer.

6.4 - F. 5

6.4-I

PINE TREE / EAC '75 SALE FEB 15, 1975

23* **1785. M. 6.4–I.** R–4. Same obv., small lump below four-dot, ornament, lower dot of colon serves as a leaf, break above Liberty head. **Many details of full VF sharpness, others more like Fine;** late state of reverse die, buckled in center and cracked through many letters, accounting for weakness compared with obverse. **Excellent surfaces suggesting better than VF,** mottled to several shades of brown; a little granular in central rev., but without significant defect. Finer than Ruby 57 or lot 133 of the Merkin sale; apparently tied with the Hoch Plate and Miller Plate coins. **(Photo) ($80–up)**

$140 — $140

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75

23

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

GOOD DARK TAN COLOR - VF 30+ STRIKE - SOME DEFECTS

$5225.00 A. TERRANOVA

TAYLOR

2327 1785 Connecticut. M 6.4-I. **Mailed Bust Right.** 132.3 grains. Rarity-3. EF-40. Outstanding sharpness, with more detail than appearing on the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen. Medium golden brown surfaces, free from porosity. The usual flan striations. Probably a Condition Census piece.

From Richard Picker, 1955.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1989

VF, BUT SEVERE DEFECT REVERSE

$154 — TAYLOR

2328 1785 Connecticut. M 6.4-I. **Mailed Bust Right.** 135.1 grains. Rarity-3. VF-30. A second example of this variety. Medium to dark golden brown surfaces, the reverse somewhat obscured on the center by a deep fissure. Considerably later state of these dies, with "spidery" breaks through the tops and bottoms of ET LIB and some die rust on the obverse. Sharpness about as seen on the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.6.4-I
VERY GOOD TO FINE

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

16 1785 Bust Facing Right M #6.4-I (R-4) FINE-12, a few reverse surface marks.
$25 —

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

533 1785 Bust Right. 6.4-I (R-3). Very Fine. Some usual planchet striae.
$30 —

NORMAN PETERS LIST, MARCH, 1983

1785 6.4-I NICE-V. GOOD 35.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1335 1785 M.6.4-I (R-4). Good, porous; 85 of date clear. 5.50

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1785 CONNECTICUT, M.6.4-I, Rarity-4, Fine-12 but dark 250.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 7, 1985

1419 1785 Miller 6.4-I (R.4). 124.0 grains. Toned brown with touches of green, well centered, somewhat granular surfaces. Very Good.
22 —

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1110. 1785 Miller 6.4-I. Rarity 4. Fine. Nicely detailed but with some reverse granularity. A second 1785 Miller 6.4-I. Very Good. A nice example which shows the reverse buckling associated with late states of the dies.
45 —

COIN GALLERIES FEB 22, 1989

1246 CONNECTICUT. 1785 Miller 6.4I (R-4). ~~1787 Miller 37.3-I (R-3). Good, porous.~~ 2 pieces 33 —

6.4-I

COIN GALLERIES SALE MAY 25, 1988

1540 SS- CONNECTICUT. 1785 Miller 6.4-I (R-4). Good but porous. The 85 of the date is visible.

MAYFLOWER STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

169 1785 Bust right 6.4-I (R3) Nice light brown Very Good $12-

NASCA "KESSLER" SALE APRIL 28, 29, 1981 GOOD COLOR

2211 1785. M.6.4-1. (R-3+.) VF. (Photo)

230- *Nice medium brown toning, fine surfaces with minor planchet flaws, bold face and hair, full legends and date, very attractive specimen.*

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT # 101
McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C & BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

267 214 ~~1785 CONNECTICUT COIN TRIO: (All MBR) 1785 M.1-E (R-4) F15 129.4 gns. Some detail muted by significant porosity both sides. Light to medium brown with cuprous oxide stains on reverse and old center right scratchs. Date clear. Clip 4:00 to 5:30 obverse. WITH 1785 M.3.4-F.1 (R-3) F12 136.8 gns. Light olive brown, both sides with even moderate porosity, only minor reverse flaws but several toned vertical pin scratchs. Clear date. WITH~~ 1785 M.6.4-I (R-3) F12 128.2 gns. Two tone olive brown. Obverse flawless, smooth at center and porous at edges. Reverse has one large striation through part of INDE, somewhat more porous. Clear date. Total 3 pieces.

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Bust right. 6.4-I, (R-3). Good $11.00; Very Good $24.00; Very Fine $65.00; EF or better, some planchet striations 129.00

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6509 Pair of 1785 Connecticut coppers, ~~each with Mailed Bust Right design. ☆ M 3.4-F 2. F-12, faint scratches noted. Rarity-2. 144.9 grains. ET LIR reverse variety. A pleasing chocolate brown specimen with some faint, very minor surface porosity at the left side of the obverse. Attractive for the grade~~ ☆ M 6.4-I. F-15. Rarity-3. 131.3 grains. Actual sharpness of a VF-20 coin, however faint, uniform porosity and some small patches of verdigris on the reverse are noted. Some reverse planchet fissures are noted in the area of the date, as generally seen for this issue. (Total: 2 pieces) 49.50

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #39 JULY, 1981

1785 Connecticut copper Miller 6.4-I (R-4). A Very Fine piece, with attributes of even higher grade. Small flan defect at "17" of date. Well centered, attractive color and worthy of a die variety set 695.00

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2606 **1785 M 6.4-I.** MBR. R-3. 131.0 gns. Sharpness of Fine or a little better, overall appearance of Very Good. Dark golden brown and black. Flawed on both sides, obverse on head, reverse linearly from upper right to center. States about equivalent to Taylor:2327. A variety usually found in Fine-Very Fine condition. VG LAMINATION 44.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1785 Bust right. 6.4-I. (R-3). Good $11.00; VG RCR #7 9/70 17.00

1785 Bust right. 6.4-I (R-3). Fine RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971 ..... 35.00

6.4-I	1785	VF-/F-	R4	Reverse die sunken.
6.4-I	1785	F+/F-	R4	Striations with "cast"
6.4-I	1785	VF-	R4	Deep planchet chip center
6.4-I	1785	F/VG	R4	
6.4-I	1785	F	R4	Large striation on obverse
6.4-I	1785	VG+	R4	Striations & inclusions

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
6.4-I 9429 (7/4) VERY GOOD/GOOD
9428 (7) VERY GOOD

PINE TREE "FUN 1977" JAN 8, 1977

47 1785. Mailed Bust right. M.6.4-I (R-4). Very Good, obv. much bolder than rev. charcoal patination with olive mottlings. / OF 2 PIECES

NEW NETHERLANDS MAIL BID SALE AUG 10, 1952

93 Some. M. 6.4-I. V. Fine for the coin, pleasing glossy brown patina. Weak in centers from advanced die failure. First seen of this late state. Rare. 11.50

DICK AUGUST LIST, JULY, 1985
21. 1785 Bust Right. 6.4I. F $60-

L. MERKIN SALE' FEB 12, 1972

9 — 1785 M.6.4-I. Where struck up this is VF, excellent surfaces. Weak in centers as always (none seen showing details of drapery); minor planchet defects on either side, usually found with far more severe ones.

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY COLL" FEB 11, 1974

53 1785. Similar. Miller 6.4-I, very scarce late with extensive cracks through TLIB:, and massive die failure from shield to pole hand. Nearly Fine for coin, central weakness as always (compare the Vlack plate coin), lighter planchet defects than usual. Ex Mehl sale, November 28, 1945. 21-

STACK'S SALE JAN 31, 1967

39 1785 Miller 6.4-I. Rarity 3. Of the same general type. Very Fine. Much darker in color, but more sharply and evenly struck. The usual bulge [illegible] the right side of the frame all but obliterates the shield (see Miller plate showing some bulge and weakness) $22-

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

M.6.4-I. Good but with some planchet defects: LOT # 1221 / OF 4 PIECES

6.4-I

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

30) 1785 M.6.4-I Fine. Relatively smooth dark olive brown fields with devices highlighted. Late die state with swelling in fields. White ink attribution (also black ink number "35" in right reverse field). (No Provenance) *-?

31) 1785 M.6.4-I Fine/Very Fine (15-18). Nice smooth medium brown. Reverse fields swelled. -C

6.4-I; Second device puncheons; ABEL BUELL

MILLER PLATE SEE BOWERS C. SCHENKEL SALE 11-14-90 #5650

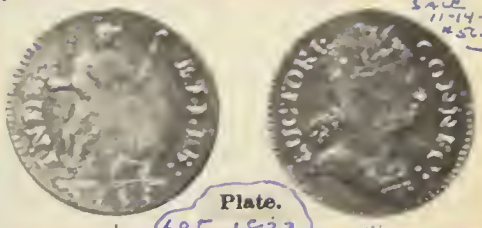

Plate. LOT 1823 2.75

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920

1823 1785. C. 6 (4) I. V. Fine. Rare.
1824 Another. Fine. Scarce. 1.25

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

133 — 1785 Miller 6.4–I. Rarity 3. Light brown F–VF. A planchet flaw from the branch into the field all but obliterates the ornament. Another in the shield which is of little importance. Otherwise a nice clean coin with even wear and no damage. (PDV).
25

·VO 2084 1785. ~~C. 8 — D. R. 5.~~; 6 (4)--I., Good. 4 pcs.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 63RD SALE APRIL 18-19, 1972

726 Connecticut Cents. 1785. Bust r. Miller 6.4-I. Where struck up, this is an unusually sharp Very Fine, interestingly mottled smooth dark patina. Though weak in centers, it far surpasses the Miller plate coin. Early state; exceptional quality.

HOCH PLATE

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NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

23 Similar. ~~First with two reverse quadrefoils~~, second with small group of four dots and a comma. ~~M. 6³-G² (R-4) and~~ 6⁴-I. VG or so; ~~first from injured dies~~, second with severe planchet defects. 2 Pcs.
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ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1, FEB, 1989

59 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 6.4-I. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 3. 132.1 grains. Choice Very Fine, the obverse closer to Extremely Fine. Glossy dark brown surfaces; the design and legends are a lighter color, which gives the coin a lovely cameo-like effect. A few scattered planchet defects, the only serious one obscuring the first digit of the date. The obverse is quite well struck, and is as sharp as on any we have ever seen; the reverse is slightly weak, most notably in the absolute center. Another excellent opportunity to add a high-quality 1785 variety to your collection.....$429

The Condition Census for this variety appears to be as follows:
1) Taylor: 2327, Extremely Fine. Sold for $522.50
2) The Miller plate coin. Choice Very Fine.
3) Miller: 1823, Very Fine+. Sold for $2.75.
4) A piece offered by David Sonderman in June, 1981, Choice Very Fine. Sold for $325
5) The specimen offered here, Choice Very Fine.
6) New Netherlands 63rd sale: 726, Very Fine.
7) Taylor: 2328, Very Fine. Sold for $154.
Numbers 2 and 3 on our list may actually be the same coin.

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SEE BOWERS 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER SALE MARCH 28, 1990 LOT #1074 AT $357.50

2716 BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986 ~~Quartette of Connecticut coppers. (1). 1785 M-5-F.5. VF-20, or dark, streaky, and porous planchet;~~ (2). 1785. M 6.4-I. Fine-12 obverse/VG-8 reverse; (3). ~~1786. M 4.1-G. Fine-15, scratched; (4). 1786 M-5.1-G. Fine-12.~~ (Total: 4 pieces) 121

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

60 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 6.4-I, another. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity 3. 128.2 grains. Very Good or so, but struck on an evenly rough planchet. Still, a very respectable and reasonably affordable example.....$29

1293 BOWER'S "P. D. WILLIAMS" SEPT 27-29, 1979 ~~Quartet of Connecticut coppers by Miller variety. (1) 1785 6.2-F.1. R-4. VF-20;~~ (2) 1785 6.4-I. R-4. Good-4; ~~(3) 1787 laughing head. 6.1-M. Fine-12; (4) 1788 12.1-F.1. Fair~~ 2. (Total: 4 pieces)

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988 M 6.4-I.

LOT # 2466 VG-8/G-4. Rarity-3. 119.3 grains. 28.4mm. 165°. Late die states: reverse failing and obverse sinking behind head. Old reverse nicks. (Total: 5 pieces) 1 OF 5 PIECES

The first four purchased between 1913-1915; the last from Richard Picker, date unrecorded.

NORWEB

FINE TREE SALE JUNE 19, 1978

209 1785 Mailed Bust right M.6.4-I (R-4). Very Good, obv. much bolder than rev. charcoal patination with olive mottlings. ~~1786. Mailed Bust Left M.5.7-H.1. (High R-5, nearly R-6) some details Fine, others VF.~~ 2 Pcs.
$75

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

60 1785 M.6.4-I, M.B.R.; ~~1787 M.33.9-S.2, D.B.L., two light scratches; 1788 M.10-C, granular, overstruck on a Nova Constellatio. All are~~ Fine. Lot of 3 pieces. 100
100

6.4-I

COIN GALLERIES' SALE APRIL 12, 1995

1499 1785 Miller 6.4-I (R-3). Fine. 125.2 grains. Mailed Bust Right, large head and lettering, weak at centers but enhanced by glossy light brown surfaces.

132

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE" NOV 15, 1994

3177 Connecticut copper quintette: ☆ ~~1785 M 3.1 L. Mailed Bust Right. VF-30. Rarity 4. 134.6 grains. Olive brown surfaces. Porous, yet sharp for the grade ☆ 1785 M 3.4 F.1. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 130.4 grains. Light tan surfaces. "X" scratch on reverse at 3:00~~ ☆ 1785 M 6.4-I. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20 for sharpness, tiny bend and some small, natural flan flaws. Rarity-3. 128.0 grains ☆ ~~1786 M 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, bent, with natural obverse flaw at 12:00. Rarity-3. 105.0 grains ☆ 1787 M 33.7 r.2. Draped Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-1. 134.9 grains. Edge clip at 11:00.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

165

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

1785 M 6.4-I Copper

Condition Census POSSIBLY MILLER LATE

NICE COLOR TAN LIGHT STRIKE SOFT REV CENTER

LIGHT STRIKE OBV

150 1100 $1,210.00 TO T. TERANOVA

5650 1785 M 6.4-I. Rarity-3. EF-45, Condition Census. 129.9 grains. Microscopic striations, but nice golden brown color and semiglossy surfaces. Microscopic breaks through TLIB. Nicer than Taylor:2327. States equivalent to that coin. A nice example for the advanced Connecticut coppers collector.

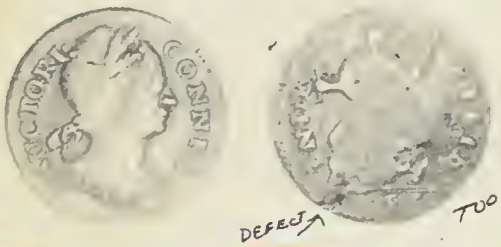
BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

SEE ROCK'S LIST FEB, 1989 # 59 AT $429 -

1785 M 6.4-I Copper

Condition Census

ROCK LIST $429 -



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DEFECT

TOO DARK

1074 1785 Connecticut copper. M 6.4-I. Rarity-3. VF-30 to 35. 132.1 grains. Dark olive and golden brown on a somewhat glossy flan. Attractive appearing obverse; reverse softly struck in the center, flawed at the rim above 1. States equivalent to Taylor:2327, no break from A to mail.

357.50

According to Jeff Rock's information, the Condition Census for this variety is as follows

1. Taylor:2327. EF, finest known.
2. Miller plate coin.
3. Miller 1823. Choice VF.
4. Private collection. Choice VF.
5. The present specimen.
6. New Netherlands 63rd sale:726. VF
7. Taylor:2328. VF

Numbers 2 and 3 are probably the same listing, repeated

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1986

215. As above. Miller 6.4-I, (R-4). Choice Fine. Deep brown and even in hue. The planchet is large and round while the surfaces lack the flaws typical to the variety. Not a really rare piece but well above-average. $140

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

404 1785 CONNECTICUT, M 6.4-I, Mailed Bust Right, R-3, Very Good. Lightly granular, even surfaces and medium brown color. Three light pinscratches on the obverse.....(40-55)

33

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1994

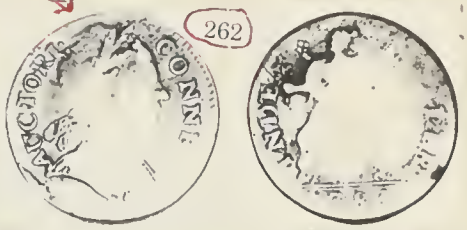
18 1785 M.6.4-I (R-3). Bold fine. 124.4 grains. Well detailed though weak at the centers. Die failure in right reverse field obscures ET and right side of seated Liberty. Light tan-brown. EX. HESSBERG

110

Ex Edward Hessberg Collection (Stack's, June 20, 1991, lot 1345).

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, FALL, 1992

*262 1785 M.6.4-I (R-3). MBR. 124.4 gns. Fine for the variety and its states. Light golden brown and tan. Obverse surface smooth and hard, reverse rough in the right center, faintly striated at upper left. Die states as Taylor:2327. $225.00



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BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

154 1785 Connecticut. M 6.4-I. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20. Rarity-3. 124.5 grains. A chocolate brown specimen with the usual planchet striations in evidence. Obverse die break at effigy's shoulder connects to A in AUCTORI. From a later state of the reverse die, with several small die cracks connecting the letters of ET LIB on the reverse.

165 BK

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

152 1785 Connecticut copper quartette: ☆ ~~M 3.4 F.2. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-2. 129.4 grains. ET LIB variety, slightly bent ☆ M 4.1 F.4. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-1. 131.1 grains. African Head, some striking weakness at rims. Attractive for the grade ☆ M 4.4 G. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 126.3 grains. Faintly granular surfaces, with central reverse planchet fissures noted for accuracy~~ ☆ M 6.4-I. VG-8. Mailed Bust Right. Rarity-3. 120.7 grains. From advanced obverse state, with small die break connecting effigy's shoulder to A in AUCTORI. (Total: 4 pieces)

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

150 Trio of 1785 Connecticut coppers: ☆ ~~M 3.4 F.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-2. 148.3 grains. ET LIB variety ☆ M 4.1 F.4. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, for sharpness. Rarity-1. 135.6 grains. African Head variety. Porous, patinated surfaces~~ ☆ M 6.4-I. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8. Rarity-3. 123.8 grains. Light, uniformly porous surfaces, weakly struck at the central reverse details, as often seen. (Total: 3 pieces)

132.00

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

92 1785 Miller 6.4-I. 128.3 grains. Bust right. Well centered, some planchet striations on the reverse. Even natural chocolate. Fine. FINE/VG REV. STRIATIONS

99.00 OK COLOR

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1994 LOT # 18

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1345 1785 Miller 6.4-I. 124.4 grains. This example is free of striations, Obverse legend is sharp, bust weakly impressed, reverse displays major die bulge at right. Strong Fine. FAIR VG/FINE. HESSBERG

165.00 WT. 124.4 GR.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5648 Pair of 1785 coppers: ☆ ~~M 4.3-A.2. Rarity-3. F-12, obverse striated. 12.1 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2342~~ ☆ M 6.4-I. Rarity-3. F-15, once cleaned and recolored. 126.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2328. (Total: 2 pieces) DECENT 1 OF 2 PIECES

110.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5651 1785 M 6.4-I. Rarity-3. Die state progression trio: ☆ F-12 to 15. 123.9 grains. Microscopically porous. Early reverse state, equivalent to Taylor:2327 ☆ F-12, heavy obverse flaw. 132.1 grains. Nice color. Late reverse state, equivalent to Taylor:2328 ☆ F-15, nice color. 122.5 grains. Later reverse state, rim failure over IB. A little more advanced than Taylor:2328. (Total: 3 pieces) 3 PIECES

275.00

D. LINETT SALE JULY 17, 1984

50 1785, M.6.4-I, R-4, Bust right, Choice Fine+ 150.

D. LINETT SALE OCT 16, 1984

71 1785, 6.4-I, same type, R-4, Very Fine, dark chocolate color. Above average and pleasing... 250.

6.4-I

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL# 9 SUMMER, 1994

99. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 6.4-I, another. 121.7 grains. Fine/About Good, an intriguing split grade to say the least. The obverse has full legends and the detail expected of the grade. The reverse is quite weak, with only INDE and the upper half of the seated figure visible—not your typical wear pattern, so there must have been something else going on with the coin! Very pleasing surfaces—light brown, slightly glossy and quite clean, making for a low grade example with exceptional eye appeal. An unimprovable "budget" 1785 issue.....$29

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1991

2. 1785 MBR, M.6.4-I, 123.9 grains. Fine, dark olive-brown planchet, full date and legends. Lightly granular surfaces. 75.
3. 1785 MBR, M.6.4-I, 132.1 grains. Fine to Very Fine, dark brown, planchet defect through chin and neck of bust. 75.

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

10. 1785 M.6.4-I. Very Good, tan surfaces, clean for the grade..... 35.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, AUG, 1988

1. 1785 Bust Right, Miller 6.4-I. About Very Fine, somewhat flatly struck in the centers, generally smooth medium brown surfaces with a few minor planchet defects. Well centered, full date and legends..... 125.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

3. 1785 Bust Right, M.6.4-I. Fine, struck on a dark brown and somewhat granular planchet. Well centered, with full date and legends..... 45.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

5. 1785 Bust Right, M.6.4-I. A nice Very Good, virtually defect-free.... 30.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

6. 1785 Bust Right, M.6.4-I. Very Fine, smooth chocolate-brown surfaces. Small planchet defect in date area, otherwise choice..... 125.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST # 7 MAY, 1982

3. 1785 Connecticut, Miller 6.4-I, Mailed Bust Right, R-4, Good/About Good. Decent, reverse weak as usual. $20

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST # 12 NOV, 1982

3. 1785 Miller 6.4-I Mailed Bust Right, R-4, Very Good-Fine 10. Nice color and planchet. Weak reverse which is usual for this variety. $50

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST # 40 NOV 21, 1985

10. 1785 Miller 6.4-I. Fine-Very Fine. Granular. R-4. With an old Henry Chapman auction card. $25

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST # 42 MARCH 1, 1986

7. 1785 Miller 6.4-I. Very Fine-20, R-4. Very nice color and surfaces. A little weak on the reverse center which is usual . $165

DICK AUGUST LIST, SEPT, 1983

21. 1785 Bust Right, 6.4I, R4, AF/VG-F, full lettering and date, this is a scarce date type $70

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

541 1785. Mailed Bust Right M.6.4-I (R-4). Very Good, obv much bolder than rev charcoal patination with olive mottlings; dies of lot 23, our F.A.C. sale. ~~1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.7-H.1 (high R-5, nearly R-6 in some details. Fine, others VG-vice lot 50, our F.A.C. sale)~~ 2 pcs. ($110.-130.)

35

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979?

1785 Bust Right, M. 6.4-I, (R-4), Fine/V.G.. excellent surfaces..35.00.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG 1981

35 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.6.4-I. Choice Very Fine or better. Well centered on a beautiful light brown planchet. An exceptional piece 325.00

DAVID SONDERMAN, MARCH, 1984

31 1785 Mailed Bust Right. M.6.4-I. Scarce as a type coin. Choice Very Fine. Well struck except for the very centers. Superb light smooth brown surfaces with exceptional overall appeal 275.00

6.4-I

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2098 1785 M.6.4-I. MBR. Another. Overall Fine. Rarity 3. 125.2 grains. Pale golden brown and green. Surfaces granular; obverse pit below wreath, old reverse gouge on legs. States as Taylor:2328 and overall a nicer coin.

25 / 25 / 27 50

SEE STACK'S "PERKINS SALE" JAN 14, 1998 #232

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2097 1785 M.6.4-I. MBR. Choice Fine. Rarity 3. 120.2 grains. Light and dark golden brown. Surfaces microgranular. Faint hairline scratch on reverse. States about as Taylor:2328, perhaps a little earlier.

120 / 120 / 132

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

936 1785 ~~M.6.3-G.I. MBR. Another. Rarity 3. Fine. 139.8 gns. Deep orange-brown. Lightly granular in places, some old marks, one new one on reverse. Very late die states~~; M.6.4-I. MBR. Rarity 3. Very Fine/Fine. 115.1 gns. Dark brown fields, lighter high points. Obverse striated across; short reverse scratch. Obverse rim cud over A, short break connects A to bust; reverse failing in right field, TLIB joined by breaks. 2 pieces.

75 / 150 / 165

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993

1972 1785 M.6.4-I. MBR. Overall Fine. Rarity 3. 125.2 grains. Pale golden brown and green. Surfaces granular; obverse pit below wreath, old reverse gouge on legs. States as Taylor:2328 and overall a nicer coin.

38 50

ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 4 SPRING, 1991

29. 1785. Miller 6.4-I, Breen 736. Rarity-3. Mailed Bust Right. 125.5 grains. Very Good, microscopically granular. Full legends and date, though a few letters are slightly weak.....$29

Accompanying this piece is a hand-written note stating "Obv. I below R, heavy colons. Rev. Final colon is low, unlike any other 85 Rev. New Variety." If the latter part were only true...

ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 8 SPRING, 1993

A ~~CONDITION CENSUS~~ EXAMPLE OF MILLER 6.4-I

ALSO FPL # 9 SUMMER 1994 REDUCED #139

52 1785 Connecticut, Miller 6.4-I. Rarity-3 138.1 grains. ~~Choice~~ Very Fine, just a tad weak at the absolute centers, as is always the case on the variety [the reverse die was sinking in the center]. The legends and date and most of the design details are bold and sharp, indeed, the present specimen is one of the sharpest examples that we've ever seen (the Taylor coin was exceptional). What makes this piece even more appealing is that the surfaces are a warm, slightly glossy medium brown with some mottlings of lighter colors; amazingly, the planchet is completely free of the planchet striations that normally afflict this variety. Definitely in the Condition Census for the variety, the present example appears to be the fourth or fifth finest known example! This is a variety that is relatively easy to find in lower states of preservation, but which is decidedly difficult in grades better than Very Fine. The present piece is an ideal example of either the variety or the Mailed Bust Right type—and one that would be quite difficult to improve upon at any price..... $299

The Condition Census appears to be as follows
1) *The Schenkel coin, Extremely Fine, at $1210*
2) *The Taylor specimen, Extremely Fine*
3) *Miller sale, Choice Very Fine*
4) *The present coin, Choice Very Fine*
5) *Kessler-Spangenberger, Very Fine*
6) *New Netherland's 63rd sale, Very Fine*
7) *Turoff, Very Fine*
8) *Colonial Newsletter Reference Collection, Very Fine*

MCCAWLEY & GRELLIMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996 #267

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

101 1785 Connecticut coppers, all MBR. ~~M.2-A.4. R-6. Strong Fine but many nicks, lamination on head. 137.0 gns. Dark olive and brown; M.3.3-F.3. R-4. Very Fine/Strong Fine. 145.4 gns. Roughened by flaws, pitted, obverse verdigris; M.3.4-F.1. R-3. Nearly Fine. 133.8 gns. Light golden brown, a bit rough, flaw above head; M.3.5-B. R-4. Fine. 133.9 gns. Brown. Obverse scratched and flawed, reverse rim lamination~~; M.6.4-I. R-3. About Fine. 128.2 gns. Golden brown. Major types clear, light obverse, little heavier reverse flaws. 5 pieces.

75 / 240 / 264

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

107 1785 ~~M.5-F.5. MBR. R-4. Another. About Fine, dark brown, minor flaws, reverse rim nick above T. 114.8 gns~~; M.6.4-I. MBR. R-3. Very Fine, dark olive, centers a bit rough, reverse edge flaw to right of date. 127.2 gns. A good example of the variety. 2 pieces.

35 / 180 / 198

ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 8 SPRING, 1993

53 1785 Connecticut, Miller 6.4-I, another 142.7 grains. Fine, solidly in that grade category. Well struck, with bold obverse legends and design details. The reverse is just a bit weaker in the centers, though the legends are complete (the tops of a few letters are weak), and the last three digits of the date are plain. Hard, medium brown surfaces with one thin, diagonal, planchet lamination across the obverse effigy's face, and a few tiny obverse marks. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, in Henry Clay Miller's scrip, this was a piece from Miller's personal collection! A very attractive specimen, with a good amount of eye appeal (the hard surfaces especially unusual on a 1785 issue!) and with one of the best pedigree's imaginable—a coin from the personal collection of the man that wrote the book on the series! $79

This particular coin was part of Lot #208 of the Miller sale

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

21 1785 M.6.4-I. MBR. R-3. Flawed Very Fine. 140.7 gns. Mahogany brown. Obverse perfect; reverse center sinking, breaks in TLIB, rim cud above head. FLAW REV. GOOD COLOR FINE

From S.H. & H. Chapman's sale of the John G. Mills Collection, April 27, 1904, lot 230. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

T. TERRANOVA

75 / 138 / 143

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

22 1785 M.6.4-I. MBR. R-3. Very Fine, dark and granular, reverse pitted. 136.5 gns. Attribution painted on obverse: **Another.** Strong Fine, softly struck, reverse flawed. 129.3 gns. Olive and tan. Attribution painted on obverse. Die states for both as the preceding's. 2 pieces.

The first with round card ticket with circle H.

T. TERRANOVA 2 SPECIMENS

75 / 95 / 104

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

23 1785 M.6.4-I. MBR. R-3. Fine, bent. 123.9 gns. Hall attribution number painted on both sides; **another.** Very Good. 126.8 gns; **a third.** Very Good, porous and dark. 129.3 gns; **a fourth.** Very porous Very Good/Good. 128.5 gns. 4 pieces. 4 SPECIMENS

The first with round card ticket with circle H.

100 / 100 / 110

6.4-I

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

16 1785 ~~M.6-P.6, MBR. R-4. Rough, stained Fine. 143.1 gns. Brown and tan. Perfect dies;~~ M.6.4-I, MBR. R-3. Rough Very Good. 128.8 gns. Short obverse flaw. Olive green. Obverse tiny break A to mail; reverse sunk in right field and right center, short break above head. 2 pieces. M. RINGO

100, 110

SEE M & G 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997 LOT # 144
BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

60, 70, 77

3106 1785 M 6.4-I. Mailed Bust Right. VF. Rarity-3. 124.3 grains. Overall sharpness rivals Taylor:2327, but uniformly porous and with obverse flan flaws, as typically seen for the variety.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOXLEY" JAN 11, 1997

019. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.4.I MBR R3 F12. 126.8 gns. Lovely for the grade, smooth and glossy chocolate brown with a bare minimum of striae. Faint square outlines of a subtle toning shift near the center of each side can barely be discerned. Most likely this coin was once in a museum or private collection where paper attribution labels were once affixed to its surfaces. It is now almost invisible and the quality of the surface metal is completely unaffected. Full clear date and legends. A great budget type coin for the year.

SEE BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON 8/11/95 # 3106
McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

144. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.4-I MBR (R-3) VF30 124.3 gns. Strong detail but on a rough deep golden planchet. Both sides granular with scattered porosity, the obverse has a few horizontal striation flaws. Nearly the same detail as the Taylor EF, sharing reverse weakness at the shield with it and the EAC '75 coin. 65/150/165.00

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

232 1785 M.6.4-I. MBR. R-3. 120.2 gns. Choice Fine. Light and darker golden brown on a generally granular flan. There is a faint hairline scratch on the reverse.

75, 75, 82

Ex Stack's Sale of March 18, 1993, lot 2097. This lot returned by its buyer for a reason known only to himself.

Die states about as Taylor:2328, if not a trifle earlier.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

31 1785 M.6.4-I. MBR. R-3. Very Fine. 116.4 gns. Quite attractive, deep olive-brown in the fields, lighter brown on the high points. Surface quality in places that of a Choice Extremely Fine coin. Centers softly struck up and granular, small reverse flaw on shoulder, and a longer one across obverse effigy's head. Partial reverse planchet cutter lip at right, small indentation above T is not a rim nick. No rim damage of any significance requiring specific mention. The coin is rather clean for a 6.4-I (compare Taylor:2327, for example). Struck from very late states of the dies, the obverse now broken from A to shoulder; the reverse severely clashed and sinking in center and right field. BIT DARK

120, 473, 522.50

JIM GOUDGE

EAN AUCTION (D LINETT) SEPT 15, 1995

388 1785 CT Copper, Miller 6.4-I, Very Fine. Rarity 3. Dark brown, with tan high points and light, uniform surface granularity. Nicely centered and struck. The variety designation has been written in white ink in the right obverse field. A tiny planchet fissure on the reverse is noted for the sake of accuracy. ..... (150-200)

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

80, 130, 143

145. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.4-I MBR (R-3) F15 131.3 gns. Deep golden olive fields, most high points tan. The surfaces appear smooth and are only minutely granular. Well centered and evenly struck. Flawed on reverse at B of LIB, a trace striation through CONN on obverse with little disruption. A small curved test cut appears at noon of the obverse rim that is old and inoffensive.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

146. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.4-I MBR (R-3) F12 132.5 gns. Generally smooth and pleasing two tone chocolate brown surfaces. Full legends and date, obverse free of flaws, those on reverse minimal.

90, 80, 88

6.4-I

1785 6.4-I ANS ACCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

A HIGH GRADE MILLER 6.4-I

Very Pleasing!

123. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 6.4-I. Rarity-3. 157.7 grains. Nearly Extremely Fine; probably fully in that lofty grade level, but from a somewhat late die state that weakens a bit of the design details, making it look more like a high-end VF coin. In any case, the legends and date are boldly impressed, and everything is full. The obverse has full and extremely sharp detail on the mailing, a feature usually associated with coins in the EF range, but is more like a solid VF on the hair and face detail. Weak at the center of the reverse, affecting the area of the globe and shield, else strong. Very attractive medium brown surfaces with some darker brown highlights that give an attractive look to the piece overall. One or two trivial striations on either side can be seen with the aid of a glass, but overall the eye appeal of the coin is quite nice. While this particular variety does have several higher grade examples known, most of the truly choice specimens are now impounded in museum collections or currently reside in large, private collections, meaning that there really aren't enough choice ones to go around. Add in the type collector who just wants one nice example of the year, and it's easy to see where a small handful of VF, EF and AU coins could disappear to! This is one of the nicest examples of the variety that we've handled in years, and certainly one of the nicest to ever appear at auction. The only distinctly nicer ones that we are aware of are the EF Taylor coin (which had a planchet flaw) and the EF piece in the Chris Schenkel sale, which realized $1210 in spirited bidding. A few other solid EF's exist in private collections, but the offerings quickly drop to VF coins in New Netherland's 63rd sale, Kessler-Spangenberger, the EAC '75 sale, the Boyd-Brand-Ryder sale by Bowers and Merena and Stack's sales of June, 1994 and June, 1995. Hessberg's was just Fine, while the Picker Reference Collection piece was graded VG/Fine. The piece in the collection of The Colonial Newsletter Foundation is a pleasing VF, while the ANS coin is a solid Fine. While the variety itself is only moderately scarce, it is quite difficult to find in anything approaching choice condition. A pleasing example that would be difficult to improve upon, and priced quite nicely at just.....$329

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

78 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.4-I. Rarity-3. 129.5 grains. Fine, some details sharper, others weaker as struck. Nearly full legends, EC a bit weak on the obverse, and ET LI faint on the reverse; most of the date is visible. Medium brown surfaces, hard, and a bit glossy. The obverse has a large planchet flaw at the center, which luckily does not touch any of the legends and really doesn't afect the design detail; the reverse is quite clean. LATE DIE STATE, with an apparently unlisted CUD on the obverse rim at K-7, completely covering the denticles in that area. A pleasing example, in an obviously rare die state.]...$99

6.4-I

Connecticut 1785 M.6.4-I
Richard August duplicate
Offered at $1100 6/15

THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER, MARCH 1964 P-26

6.4-K

6.4-K	Canfield and Ryder "conceded" that reverses K.2 and B were actually the same die, thus verifying Miller's suggestion to that effect. (A&C, P. 4). Consequently, 3.5-K.2 is dropped because its equivalent, 3.5-B, is already listed. And Miller's 6.4-K.1 is redesignated 6.4-K because there is now only one variety of reverse K.	3.5-K.2 6.4-K.1 DELETED

PINE TREE · EAC'75 SALE · FEB 15, 1975

24 **1785. M. 6.4–K.** R–6, though not quite in a class with 6.4–F.5 above. Same obv., rev. very similar but without lump under 4–dot ornament; I almost touches drapery; T of ET LIB first punched low, then corrected. **Probably should be called Fine,** as some details are of at least this grade while others are weaker, the weaknesses being identical to those on the Hoch and Miller Plate coins. Dark green patina with other mottlings, no defects; everything plain except drapery details (though more of these show than on the above mentioned plate coins) and grapevines. No better one auctioned in decades. Finer than lot 326, New Netherlands 60th sale; **no other auctioned in any grade in recent years.** **(Photo) ($225.–up)**

$185

EAC'75

24

BOWER'S · TAYLOR SALE · MARCH 27, 1987

SMOOTH MEDIUM BROWN BUT NICKED

$165

TAYLOR

2329 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.4-K. Mailed Bust Right.** 138.8 grains. **Rarity-6.** VG-8. Corresponds to Miller's old K.1 reverse. Weak in centers, obverse mechanically scrubbed.
From Richard Picker, 1962.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

17 1785 Bust Facing Right M #6.4 - K (R–6) GOOD–4, badly corroded with deep planchet laminations; 1 OF 2 PIECES
$25

STACK'S OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1888

JOE P. (993)

100-375

FAIR - DEFECTIVE

OECHSNER

Lot No 1037

TO JIM GOUDGE

1037 1785 **Miller 6.4-K.** Mailed bust right. (R-6). 122.3 grains. **Fine,** weak at the centers, and some planchet defects on each side. Full date and legends. Deep brown with chestnut highlights.
$412.50

MILLER TEXT PLATE

REV. K1

H.C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920

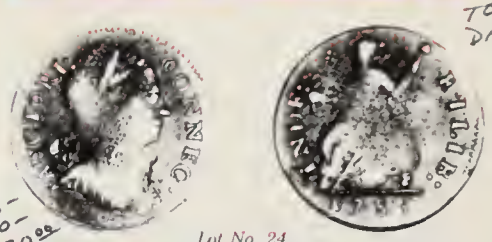
1821 1785. C. 6 (4), K (1). Rx. INDE: ET LIB: VG. $90

STACK'S · BOYD-RYDER · JUNE 8, 1994

1785 MILLER 6.4-K

The Miller Text Reverse Plate Coin

TOO DARK



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Lot No. 24

DON MITUZAS

24 **1785 M.6.4-K. MBR. High R-6. Good Fine to Very Fine.** 121.6 gns. Good olive color. Surfaces microgranular, centers quite soft and not fully struck up, minor flaw on chest. **The Miller text plate for the K reverse.** This is also the **Miller sale coin. Rare:** we have seen only six specimens (including this one) but there are probably at least five more we have not yet seen. High R-6 is, therefore, probably an appropriate guesstimate of the rating for 6.4-K.

From Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1821. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot, graded "Very Good."

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

6.4-K	1785	VG+	R6	Dark: high points evenly worn
6.4 K	1785	G+/Pr 0	R6	Much circulation wear.

6.4-K

BOWERS' OSCAR PEARL SALE JUNE 28-30, 1979

922 1785 Connecticut cent. Mailed bust right. M-6.4-K. Rarity 6. VG-8 with grayish black, finely porous surfaces—but, surprisingly, attractive in its overall appearance. 50 –

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1785 Bust right. 6.4-K.1 (R-5). Abt. Fine $105.00; Fine plus, some planchet defects. Still a top-grade example of this variety. RER #14 105.00

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

32) 1785 M.6.4-K.1 Fine. Relatively smooth light olive green flan. Some scattered planchet defects on obverse and reverse. -C

HOCH PLATE { POSSIBLY ANS SPECIMEN

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

326 Similar. **M. 6⁴-K (Rarity 5).** T in ET first cut too low, then corrected. Very Good, the obverse nearer Fine. Weakly struck-up at the center reverse area and worn about the date, but an uncommonly clean looking coin free of defects. Miller attribution upon obv. in white ink; provenance unknown to us. Very rare. 40 –

This variety formerly listed as Miller 6⁴-K¹. See last item for 1785, page 26 of *The Colonial Newsletter*, March 1964, Vol. 5, No. 3, Serial No. 11, which was devoted entirely to Edward R. Barnsley's "Miller's Connecticut Listings Updated."

6⁴ K

HOCH PLATE

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

5. 1785 Mailed Bust Right, M.6.4-K.1. Very Good/Good, with a better than average planchet. Legends readable, but date weak. A scarce variety. 25.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 15, 1989

Lot No. 1685

1685 — 1785 M.6.4(T) Very Fine. A planchet fissure on the head toward TORI. Well centered, all legends and devices on the flan. Medium brown and olive toning. Late die state, thin die breaks on ETLIB, and die sinking behind Liberty. $962.50

McCAWLY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

425-620-682.00

119. M2 1785 CONNECTICUT M.6.4-K.1 MBR (High R-6) VG10 134.1 gns. An important coin, one of only a handful to become available in a generation. Very dark golden brown fields with slightly lighter high points. Both sides have even moderate porosity. The fact that the porosity is even helps the coin retain a decent overall look. There is a small flaw at the reverse rim above ET and a tiny one below the last digit of the date. The only "recent" auction appearances we can trace of this variety were in the Pine Tree 1975 EAC sale, (Fine with green patina), Taylor lot 2329 (VG8, the obverse "mechanically scrubbed"), lot 1037 from Stack's sale of the Oechsner collection (Fine with some central reverse flaws), and lot 24 from Stack's June 1994 Sale (Strong Fine). The latter was the Miller reverse plate coin. All of the coins here mentioned have weak centers and the differences in detail apparent between them is minor. On this the 5 in the date is quite weak, which is partially a result of the porosity, while it shows greater strength in the right arm of Seated Liberty than the Miller coin. So in addition to being rare this is a coin that would prove extraordinarily difficult to significantly improve on. The consignor of these Connecticuts went to the trouble of measuring reverse die axis rotations (based on a 360 degree clockwise rotation) and we will gladly pass on that information. The reverse on this is rotated 20 degrees.

6.4-K

DIFFERENT STYLE LETTERS IN SAME LEGEND
Swash "A"; "T"
Swash "T"

P. 357
P. 357

1785 obverse 6.4
1785 reverse K

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

In addition to unconformity in letter size, legends oftentimes contain letters of different design, contrary to the conservative tradition of numismatic art. An example of this is the combination 6.4-K of 1785. Here AUCTORI has both a swash "A" and a "T", while ET has the same characteristic "T", thus indicating both dies were produced by the same tools, probably by the same artisan.

In "A" the inside clefting of the left foot continues in a sweeping curve until it almost touches the short, stumpy fork of the right foot. In "T" the left end of the cross bar drops down to make a graceful loop tangent to the upright bar. The bases of most of the other letters in these two dies are deeply clefted like the "A" is, but the left basal cleft of the "T" is folded over sideways, indicating an imperfection in the punch itself.

It is a matter of conjecture whether these letters with their ornamental curves belong to a separate set so embellished, or whether they belong to the other less decorative letters on these two dies. In any event, all these clefted, both with and without flourishes, show that the skilled craftsmen who created them had more artistic ability than their contemporaries responsible for the otherwise drab looking legends of most Connecticut coppers.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 6.4-K
Missing from most major collections!

84 1785 Connecticut, Miller 6.4-K. High Rarity-6, possibly a Low Rarity-7. 126.2 grains. Fine, some details closer to a full Very Fine grade, others weaker as struck. Generally bold, the legends and date are all bold and sharp, and with decent hair and bust detail on the obverse effigy. Weak at the absolute centers of either side, as is completely natural for the variety and seen on all known specimens of this rare variety, including the Miller plate coin and the EAC '75 example. Dark brown devices, the fields with a light jade green oxidation making the piece look a lot like an ancient Roman bronze. Overall, the look is quite attractive, more so than if there were just one or two green spots on either side! We note that this is the same exact color as the EAC '75 coin and the ANS collection coin [and though these three look very, very similar, they are all different specimens]. No post-striking damage or defect, which makes for an exceptional example of this rarity. As far as we can trace, only four examples have appeared for auction in the last quarter century. The first was the aforementioned EAC '75 coin, Fine with green toning. The next one was the Taylor example in VG which brought $165 way back in 1987. The third was the Oechsner coin, Fine but with planchet flaws, which realized $412.50. The most recent offering was the F/VF example in Stack's June, 1994 sale [which was the Miller reverse plate coin] that brought a strong $1430 to another colonial dealer! The variety was completely missing from such legendary Connecticut copper offerings as Garrett, Roper, Robison, Picker, Norweb, Hessberg, Schenkel and Perkins! A spectacular rarity in the series, the first that we've owned and a coin that will prove impossible to replace at double or triple our asking price of only.....$349

In his cataloguing of the Stack's June, 1994 sale, Michael Hodder noted that he had seen only six examples of the variety, and guessed that there were perhaps an additional five or so out there, which would justify a High Rarity-6 rating. Indeed, the actual figure may be closer to a Low Rarity-7, especially as the total population will almost certainly remain under a dozen examples in all grades.

6.4-K

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

The Very Rare Miller 6.4-K

105 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.4-K. High Rarity-6 [possibly Low Rarity-7]. 116.2 grains. Fine or so, some details a bit weaker as struck. The legends are full, and the last three digits of the date are sharp. The lower obverse bust details are easily of the Fine level, though the central parts of that side as well as most of the central reverse appear more like Very Good; this variety is almost always found with weak centers. Medium brown surfaces with reddish undertones, obviously recovering from an old cleaning. The surfaces have a number of fine striations on either side, only moderately detracting. A small rim nick at K-9 affects nothing and is only mentioned for accuracy. Quite a rare variety, only five examples seem to have appeared at auction: the EAC '75 coin, graded Fine with green toning, the Taylor specimen which was VG and cleaned, the Oecshner specimen which was Fine but had heavy planchet flaws, the Miller reverse plate piece, grading F/VF which appeared in Stack's June, 1994 sale and which sold for $1430 to another colonial dealer and the porous VG coin in the 1995 C4 convention which sold for $682 in furious competition. The only other specimens we've seen are the jade-green example we offered on our last list [which received a half dozen orders] and the ANS coin which is in similar grade. When you realize that the variety was missing from auctions like Garrett, Roper, Robison, Picker, Norweb, Frontenac, Hessberg, Schenkel and Perkins it just underscores the fact that is a major rarity in the series.....$229

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, pedigree unrecorded.

In his cataloguing of Stack's June, 1994 sale Michael Hodder noted that he had seen only six examples of the variety, and guessed that there were an additional five or so out there that he hadn't seen, which would justify a ranking of somewhere between High R-6 and Low R-7. We suspect that it will end up in the latter level since the great amount of interest in colonials and attribution of pieces by dealers and collectors has failed to turn up more than one other example of the variety [the one on our last list].

BIJAN ANVAR

6.4-K.1

6.4-K	Canfield and Ryder "conceded" that reverses K.2 and B were actually the same die, thus verifying Miller's suggestion to that effect. (A&C, P. 4). Consequently, 3.5-K.2 is dropped because its equivalent, 3.5-B, is already listed. And Miller's 6.4-K.1 is redesignated 6.4-K because there is now only one variety of reverse K.	3.5-K.2 6.4-K.1

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

6.4-K.1 -- Should be changed to **6.4-K**, as no reverse K.2 exists (see **3.5-K.2** in DELETIONS

6.4-K.1

6.5-M

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

25 **1785. M. 6.5-M.** High R-5, possibly R-6. Readily identified by heavy rim break touching tops of NNE; quatrefoil at end of rev. legend, all letters tall and narrow. Letters, upper half of Ms. Liberty, and cuirass **suggest a grade of Fine or better,** other details weak as always suggesting VG; medium to dark steel, brown and green patina, planchet unusually free of defects; small old scratch at first N not affecting color. **Very rare, no auction record in any grade, none in the Bowers list;** obviously difficult to obtain in any condition.
(Photo) ($175.–up) $160

$160

EAC'75

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BOWERS 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

POROUS

TAYLOR

2330 **1785 Connecticut. M 6.5-M. Mailed Bust Right.** 133.5 grains. **Rarity-6.** F-12. Quite porous, with attendant loss of detail in the centers. Easily identified by the large die break on the obverse rim above NNEC. Comparable, or somewhat finer, than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen.
From Richard Picker.

$99

PINE TREE 'J.C. BROWN' SALE MAY 21, 1976

502 **1785. M. 6. 5-M** (high R-5, possibly R-6). **Some details Fine or better, others VG.**
Demonstrates the same weaknesses of strike as our 1975 E. A. C. coin and is of comparable quality. Date can be read, though bottom third of 8 and half of 5 off flan. Green and brown patina with uniform shallow porosity. The E. A. C. coin, lot 25, sold for $160

$35

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

1785 MILLER 6.5-M

An Unusually Sharp Specimen

CONTRASTING BROWNS

400-
1,700-
$1,870.00

Lot No. 938

TO D. PARTRICK

938 **1785 M.6.5-M. MBR. Rarity 6** (traditional, probably really High Rarity 6 if not a full R-7). Sharpness of strong Fine to Very Fine. 141.2 gns. Brown fields, lighter golden brown highpoints. Surfaces only micro granular. Well struck for the dies on a fully round and essentially flawless flan. Obverse once cleaned, light hairlines remain. Probably **Condition Census** for sharpness, with more detail showing than on the Taylor, ANS, 1975 EAC, and Miller text plate coins (this was probably not ex Miller's collection else he would have plated this one). Our Picker I:148 was the finest we have seen. From the late states of the dies, the obverse failing behind head, diagnostic cud formed on rim above NNE; reverse failing in upper left field, branch hand becoming obscure now.

From the Hillyer Ryder F.C.C. Boyd Collections. Earlier, from an unidentified Chapman brothers sale, balance of provenance uncertain. Accompanied by an old collector's ticket which reads, in part, "Rev not in C[rosby] this one has a cinquefoil after Lib no other 1785 shows one 9-J h.c., an addition to Crosby's listings of the 1785's]."

Hall does not seem to have discovered this reverse since he makes no note of its discovery in his manuscript. He does suggest that 6.5-M " . . . may have been struck in England and used for patterns for this issue. The specimen in my collection shows indications of its having been struck within a collar."

STACK'S "R. PICKER" SALE OCT 24, 1984 → A. TERRANOVA

FINEST

PICKER

Lot No. 148

TO A. TERRANOVA

148 **1785 Bust Right.** Miller 6.5-M. 139.4 grains. A rarer variety. A bold large head, not to be confused with the famous "African Head" variety. Ever so slightly off-center, but all the legends are on the planchet. The die work and detail is excellent. Smooth medium brown, with lighter highlights, and no planchet defects, scratches, or other stray marks. Far better than the 1975 EAC and Miller plate coins. **Extremely Fine.** $1,375

STACK'S "N. BRYANT FEB 2, 1973

5 1785 Connecticut. Miller 6.5-M. Rarity 5. Very Good. The reverse is slightly off-center cutting off about half of the date, INDE is very weak, and the planchet is rough. Still an excellent coin for this variety. Ex John M. Richardson. $60

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989
6.5 M 1785 F-/VG R5+ Dark: high points worn

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
6.5-M 6351 (10) VERY GOOD (10)

6.5-M

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

33) 1785 M.6.5-M Details of Fine to Very Fine. Large rim break at "ONNE". Bend in flan at lower obverse an corresponding upper reverse. Rim bruise at 9 o'clock reverse. Medium tan color * -C

MILLER PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1825 1785. Rx. INDE: .:. ET LIB : .:. 6 (5) M. Crosby 6. Reverse not in Crosby VG. 6.00

ANS

6.5-M (Punch linked with African Head)

HOCH PLATE

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1785 M.6.5-M #6351 J.C. MITCHELSON, 1913.
(VG10) FINE.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.6.5-M
VERY FINE 20

6.5-M

Dick August Collection Nov 4, 1999
1785 6.5-M Very Fine. Some light granularity.
Localized weakness at hair obverse and seated figure reverse.
Ex. Hall-Brand specimen. Inked on edge.

OTHER SPECIMENS TO INPUT
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2008 C4 SALE TO BIJAN

6.5-M

7.1-D

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

MAILED BUST LEFT DESIGN SEE BOWERS

(TYPE OF 1786) CHRIS SCHENKEL

Posibly Finest Known ? SALE NOV 14, 1990 - LOT # 5652

26 1785. M. 7.1-D. High R-6, almost R-7. No colons in obv. die buckling in center as almost always. **Difficult to grade, this has lettering and surfaces suggesting a grade of Fine or better,** but details of head and bust are weak from the massive die failure (the whole coin is convex, central area well above the lettering), insufficient metal being left to bring up the reverse design, which is further weakened by severe clashmarks. Color varies from medium steel to dark brown, with some high-lighting on devices, and a few small spots of rough green patina. Small pit-like planchet defect at Liberty cap, another at shoulder, just opposite. **Very rarely offered in any condition, and apparently unknown in VF.** Finer than the ANS coin, or the Breen example offered as lot 66, New Netherlands 51st sale, or the Hoch Plate coin (the latter is minutely bolder but has edge dents), or the scratched-up "VF" in the Bowers April 1972 list, and probably tied with the Miller Plate coin. **If not finest known, this is surely one of at most three top ones.** That in Lester Merkin's Oct. 1973 sale, graded only Good, brought $100. This may be the piece from the Bowers Aug. 1972 list, represented as VF for the coin. **Grade it as you will, it is of exceptional quality for this very rare ephemeral type. (Photo)** TO R. MARTIN $210 **($300.-up)**

$210

EAC'75

26

PINE TREE EAC'75 SALE FEB 15, 1975

326 **1785. Type of 1786.** Mailed Bust Left. M. 7.1-D. No obv. colons; die buckling in center. Almost R-7. **Nearly Fine,** very similar overall to lot 26, but lightly porous, and with a few trivial planchet defects. Dark and light steel, devices highlighted. Probably in the Condition Census for the variety, just below lot 26 abovementioned, the same remarks hold for this coin as for that extraordinry example. **The offering of two such pieces within a single year yet alone sale is virtually unprecedents. (Photo)** R. MARTIN $250 **($300.-up)**

$250

EAC'75

326

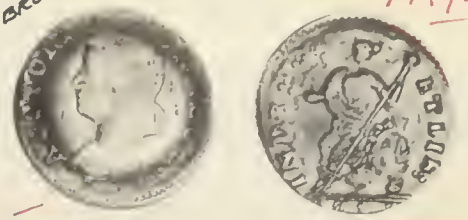
NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976 LOT # 17 Bust Facing Left M #7.1 D (High R-6) GOOD-4, badly corroded. (Lot of 2 pieces). OTHER G.4-K $25 —

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1785 M 7.1-D Condition Census

TAYLOR

NICE, SMOOTH MEDIUM BROWN VF 40



$1,980 — D. PARTRICK

2331 1785 Connecticut. M 7.1-D. Mailed Bust Left. 137.0 grains. **Low Rarity-6. EF-40.** An outstanding specimen of this scarce variety, with reverse sharpness rivaling that of the Garrett specimen and far superior to the Pine Tree/E.A.C. coin. Struck from the same obverse used on the 1786 M 4.2 variety. Both obverse and reverse dies damaged, a result of severe clashing. The obverse sunk deeply, creating a variety which is quite convex on the obverse. All letters in both legends struck up and legible; reverse slightly off center to the bottom, resulting in only the tops of the numerals present. Reverse sharpness outstanding, lines in Miss Liberty's drapery beneath her waist, full longitudinal and latitudinal lines on the globe upon which she sits, and the arms of Connecticut similarly well struck up. Deep golden brown, on a smooth and problem-free planchet. An outstanding example of this scarce variety.

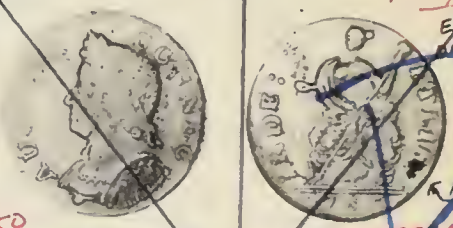
BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

Second 1785 M 7.1-D

TAYLOR

GOOD COLOR VF 20+ STRIKE

EARLY DIE STATE



DEEP FLAW

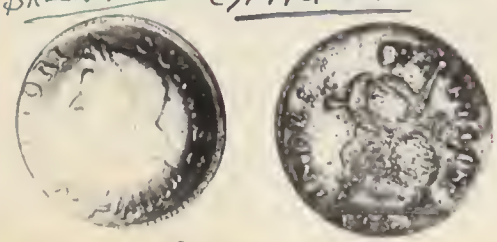
$522.50 A. TERLANOVA

2332 1785 Connecticut. M 7.1-D. Mailed Bust Left. 143.9 grains. Low Rarity-6. VF-30. A second example of this scarce variety, and an important one from a technical standpoint. From the absence of pronounced clash marks on either obverse or reverse; and the flat, planar obverse surface, seemingly struck before the dies clashed. The majority of the M 7.1-D specimens we have noted all exhibit the deep convexity on the obverse as described in the preceding lot. This example, an earlier die state, is considerably scarcer than the usually seen one. One or two "die-lumps" at the top of the reverse are somewhat suggestive of clashing, as is the lack of detail (refer to the photograph) in the obverse and reverse legends. However, there are no deep incusations, usually found on the reverse, that suggest severe clashing. In other words, an early state of these dies and one which will appeal to the die variety specialist in the series. Medium golden brown surfaces, smooth and free from porosity. Deep reverse planchet flaw, not an unusual feature on Connecticut coppers, very similar to the flaw on the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen. This one obscures the upper dot of the final colon. Well centered, with full, if somewhat weak, legends, and a bold date.

1785 Connecticut Miller 7.1-D

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

BREEN PLATE GARRETT



(See Color Photo)

1340 1785 Connecticut. Miller 7.1-D. 141.6 grains. Rarity-5. The much rarer type of the year with **mailed bust facing left.** Differs from the 7.2-D in that there is no die break crossing the fillet ends. Struck from the same obverse die as 4-2 of 1786 and it would be our guess that this coin was made in 1786 as obverse 4 of 1786 showed the first use of the mailed bust facing left type.

Probably **AU** if not finer from a wear viewpoint. Pleasing even dark brown surfaces. Some minor planchet porosity on the reverse. Obverse is bulged as always seen. By far the finest specimen ever seen or handled by us or our consultant Richard Picker. Believed to be *the finest known example.*

One of the most important Connecticut pieces in this listing. OPEN $200 — SOLD $2,700 — A. TERLANOVA

→ SEE BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (187)

7.1-D

STACK'S SALE JUNE 18, 1981

53 1785 Mailed bust left. Miller 7-D. Rare variety and type. About Good; ~~1787 Bust left. M.32 (5) an. "FNDE." Good~~. 2 pieces. $55 —

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2473 1785 Connecticut. M 7.1-D. F-12. Rarity-6–. 137.7 grains. 28.7mm. 180°. Dark brown obverse, lighter brown reverse. Reverse with verdigris. The grade is technical, obverse sharpness of VF-20, reverse of VG-8, due to the deep obverse die sinking. Die states equivalent to Taylor: 2331. TOO MUCH POROSITY
Purchased between 1913-1915. NORWEB

121 —

BOWER'S "FRED & WARD COLL'S" NOV 13-14, 1995

3020 **1785 M 7.1-D. Mailed Bust Left. Fine. Low Rarity-6.** 137.7 grains. A fairly scarce variety. Dark brown to black fields with lighter high points on the obverse, medium brown with porosity and patina on the reverse.

From our sale of the Norweb Collection, Part II, March 1988, Lot 2473.

EX NORWEB

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STACK'S "R. PICKER SALE" OCT 24, 1984

PICKER

149 **1785 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 7.1-D. 131.2 grains. **Very rare** as a variety, and important as a type. We estimate only about two dozen examples of the 7.1-D, 7.2-D and 8-D altogether exist. Basically well defined, but a variety that always comes with a bulged obverse die. Clear details except for the 5 in the date, and there are two very thin reverse flan laminations. A pleasing mottled light and dark brown with very smooth surfaces. **Fine for the variety.** $374 —

STACK'S 'OECHSNER COLL' SEPT 9, 1958

953

225–400 —

Lot No. 1038

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

66 1785. **Mailed bust left;** hub of 1786. **M. 7¹-D.** Close to Fine for coin; severely buckled obverse die—entire obverse convex, the reverse with heavy injuries from obverse. A few minor planchet cracks and flows. Exceptionally choice, os this variety is, for obvious reosans, usually found nearly illegible. Besides this specimen and that in A.N.S., we have seen three others (all worse) and heard of two in oddition (that still will not exceed this in condition). **Rarity 7,** beyond doubt. Ex Breen coll. **($30.00)**

27 —

OECHSNER DECENT VG/FINE

1038 **1785 Miller 7.1-D.** Mailed bust left. **(Low R-6).** 140.1 grains. **Very Good,** close to Fine. Date and all legends clear. A planchet crack from the left reverse rim through the hand to the center of Liberty. Several planchet cracks on the obverse. Deep brown and lighter olive, the obverse quite convex due to die failure.

From the Virgil Brand Collection; most recently in New Netherlands' 51st sale, June 19, 1958, lot 66.

$440 —

H.I.M, INC. SALE' NOV 4, 1983

CONDITION CENSUS

R. MARTIN – D. MITUZAS 3/3/87

WHT. 123.7 GRAINS

57 **1785. M.7.1-D** (R-6). **Fine.** (Photo) VG 10

Obverse details sharper than PT EAC #26, though with planchet flaws on central head, reverse likewise, with planchet defect at left breast (though inconspicuous). Dark brown with highlighted devices, slightly bent planchet. Overall a match for the EAC piece or perhaps a shade better (and that piece was regarded as one of the top three, if not the finest). $160 —

160 —

1785 7.1-D WHT. 127.1 GRAINS

VERY GOOD (10) DARK & LIGHT STEEL BROWN. DEFECTS
D. SONDERMAN JAN. 1979 – R. MARTIN – 3/27/87 J. ROCK – J. GOODLE

BOWERS 'NEWPORT COLL' JAN 30, 1975

31 1785 Connecticut. Miller 7-D. Rarity 5. Mailed bust left, style of '86. Very Good. Rare.

125 —

BOWERS "MATT ROTHERT SALE" NOV 16-17, 1973

231 1785 Connecticut. Miller 7.1-D. Mailed bust facing left. Abt. Fine. Exceedingly scarce variety, both as a die variety and as a type coin. Most 1785 Connecticut coppers have the portrait figure facing right. $330 00

$330 —

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA' SEPT 17-19, 1984

614 1785 Connecticut. Miller 7.1-D. Mailed Bust left variety. Very Good to Fine. Struck on a planchet with many fissures, similar to the planchets one usually associates with Vermont varieties R-10 and R-11 (Specialists will catch our comparison here). The center of the obverse is indistinct, as the piece was struck from a buckled die. This is characteristic of all known examples. A coin with lots of "character." FINE, OLD SCRAPES, CHARCOAL COLOR.

$138 —

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

1785 M 7.1-D Copper

Condition Census

EAC'75

605 00 TO R. MARTIN

OK FIS NICE OBV.

5652 **1785 M 7.1-D. Rarity-6– F-15, Condition Census.** Minor obverse and reverse flaws. Reverse verdigris from long storage in PVC flip. Exceeded only by Garrett: 1340 and Taylor:2331 in recent years. Called "if not finest known, this is surely one of at most three top ones" by Breen. States equivalent to Taylor:2331.

Ex Fine Tree/EAC (2/75) 26 AT $210 00

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.7.1-D
VERY GOOD TO FINE, DARK

7.1-D

OECHSNER VG/FINE AT $440-
F - 375 -
VF - 625 -

OK VF/F FEW STRIATIONS GOOD COLOR

Lot No. 1206

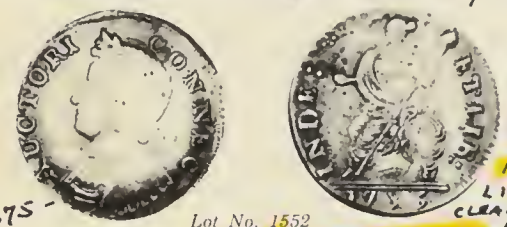
STACK'S "FOREMAN SALE" MAY 4, 1989

R. MARTIN COLL.

1206 1785 Mailed bust left. Miller 7.1-D (Low R-6). Intermediate die state, clash marks on both sides, but the obverse convexity still fairly minor. Struck on a planchet with light defects on both sides. Well centered obverse with strong legend, central head soft as usual. 178 and a trace of the 5 can be seen on the reverse, and INDE ET LIB is clear. Olive and medium to dark brown toning. A good deal better than the Oechsner specimen. **Very Fine.**

$467.50

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE MAY 24, 1989



$1,375 -

NICE LIGHT CLEANING NOT BAD

Lot No. 1552

~~XF~~ XF DETAIL

1552 Connecticut. 1785 Mailed bust left. Miller 7.1-D (Low R–6). ~~Very Fine~~ and quite pleasing even though it has previously been lightly cleaned. Date and all legends quite strong and has all three grape vines fully visible. The obverse is quite convex due to die failure. Much nicer than the Oechsner specimen.

R. MARTIN

MILLER PLATE

SEE RED BOOK PLATE

CONNECTICUT CENTS, 1785

RED BOOK PLATE COIN

SEE MILLER PLATE

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

134 — 1785 Miller 7–D. Rarity 5. Good. Not only a very rare variety, but also very rare as a type. **MAILED BUST FACING LEFT.** Difficult to find in any condition. Heavy buckling from under CONNEC into the mail. Bottom of the date off the planchet. Porous (planchet).

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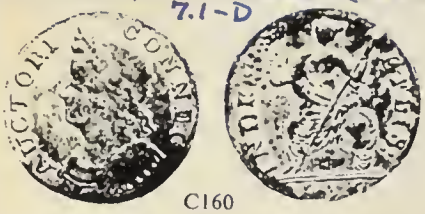
TAXAY PLATE (1976)
7.1-D



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HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1826 1785. C. 7-D AUCTORI CONNEC (no periods) Rx. similar to last, but wider, larger date. VG. 2 pcs. .60

2085 1785. C. 7-D. Head l, without periods after AUCTORI and CONNEC. Crosby knew of only one specimen. Good. .60

2086 1785. C. -7--D. Extremely rare. Crosby knew of but one. Good. 1.10

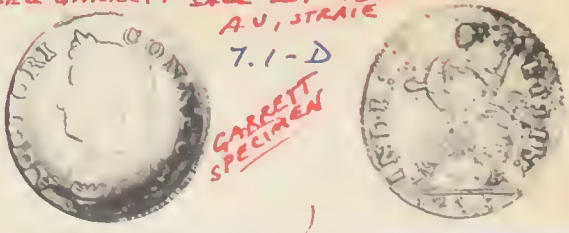
STANDARD CATALOUGE (1947)
7.1-D

BREEN ENCYLOPEDIA PLATE (1988)

739 1785 Mailed bust l., no obv. colons. Rare. 2 obv. vars. (Miller 7.1-D, 7.2-D). Struck after 755 and other 1786s with that obv. 1975 EAC:27–28. Always weak in centers; always in low grades.

SEE GARRETT SALE LOT #1340 10/1/80
AU, STRAIE

7.1-D



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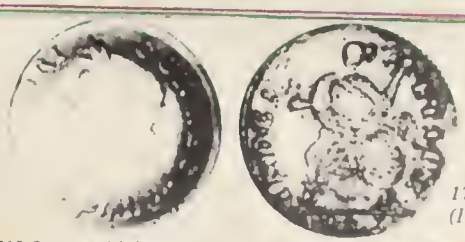


COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA, 1990

1785 copper
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

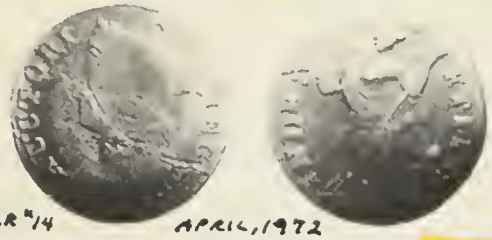
C.207. 1785 Copper: Mailed bust left, several vars. in M-7 series. M 7.1 D. Garrett AU $2,400 M 7.2 D. Taylor VF-20, $1,100

7.1-D

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION)

7.1-D	1785	F-/F-	R6	Convex obverse; striatiations
7.1-D	1785	F/F	R6	Convex obverse

1785 ~~Draped~~ Mailed bust left. 7.1-D (R-5). Fine, weakly struck at centers (as always). A choice example of one of the most desired of all Connecticut type coins. BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971 149.00



BOWERS RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Draped bust left. 7.1-D (R-5). Head of '86. Very Fine, some surface marks. The 7.1-D in our last offering (a Fine example) could have been sold a half dozen times! Popular 249.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1785 Bust left. 7.1-D. (R-5). G-VG R.C.R. #7 SEPT. 1970 .... 59.00

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
7.1-D 9430 (6) GOOD 6

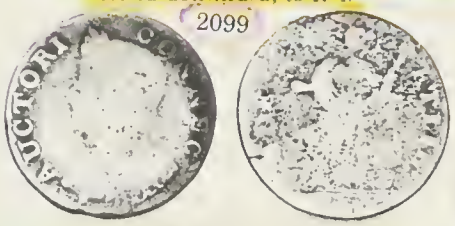
STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 16, 1993

(2099) 1785 M.7.1-D. Mailed Bust Left. Very Good/About Good. Low Rarity 6. 124.5 grains. Deep brown. Granular surfaces, reverse especially. Reverse faintly "X" cancelled. States as Taylor:2331. 70 280 308

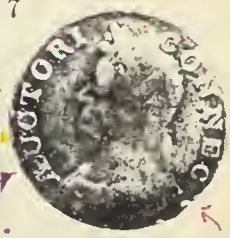
TO JOE PIERVINCENTI

Since 1785 obverse 7.1 is the same as 1786 obverse 4.2, and since the former is in a later state, it is clear that 7.1 was struck after 4.2 and was one of the "back-dated" Connecticut varieties. The rarity rating of 7.1-D should be revised downward, to R-4!

2099



HOCH PLATE 7



AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1986

34) 1785 M.7.1-D Abt. Fine. Usual swelled obverse fields. A few rim bruises at 5 o'clock on obverse. Relatively smooth light olive brown color and surfaces with no mentionable flan defects. Full date. -C

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

#1221 M.7.1-D (R-5). Bust facing left. Fair with numerous planchet defects. The legends are clear; 1 OF 4 PIECES 6TH AVE.

BOWER'S 'M. BROWN SALE NOV 9-11, 1983

LOT # 4666 1785 cent bust left AG-3, no date.

M7-D. From the collection of Thomas P. Hall date and die variety written in white ink on the obverse as was the trademark of this early collector of Connecticut coppers; 1 OF 12 PIECES

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1981

46 1785 Mailed bust right, Miller-7.1-D. Very Fine. Usual bulged dies, dark brown. An outstanding example of this rare transitional type 950.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, MAY, 1981

31 1785 Mailed Bust Left, M.7.1-D. A very rare transitional type. Fine or better. Usual bulged obverse. Tips of date off planchet. The AU Garrett coin brought $2400 ..... 650.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979?

1785 Bust Left, and as such a very rare type coin, M. 7.1-D, (Hi R-6), Very Good, well-centered with clear legends and date, but the surface unfortunately suffers from a thin layer of corrosion..50.00.

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984 TO GEORGE PERKINS

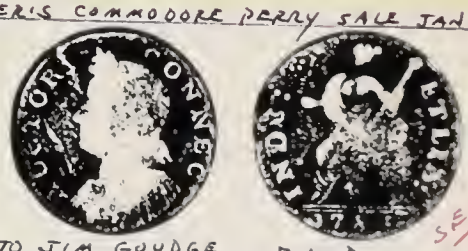
6. 1785 Mailed Bust Left, M.7.1-D. Nice Very Fine, well-centered on a medium brown flan. There is one small defect in the obverse field, and "DE" of INDE is weakly struck, but it is otherwise a premium example of a rare type. Probably one of the 5 or 6 best known of the variety.450.00

7.1-D

1785 M.7.1-D Wht.148.2 Grains. Fine. Smooth Planchet, Some Laminations.
Jim Goudge Collection.

1785 M.7.1-D Wht.137.8 Grains.Very Good. Minutely Granular. Few Planchet Laminations.
Jim Goudge Collection.

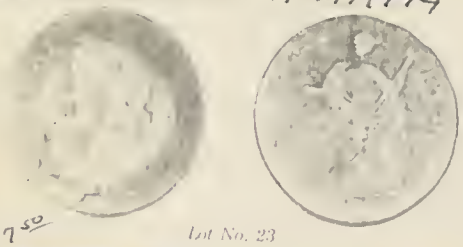
BOWER'S COMMODORE PERRY SALE JAN 5, 1995



605.00 TO JIM GOUDGE 7.1-D SEE 7.3-D

568 1785 Connecticut copper. Miller ~~8-D~~. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-6. 126.6 grains. From an early state of the obverse die, before serious buckling has commenced; a full profile of the effigy appears. Microscopically porous tan surfaces with deeper olive in the fields. Reverse flan flaw at 10:00. A rare and desirable variety.
From the Commodore Matthew C. Perry Collection.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994



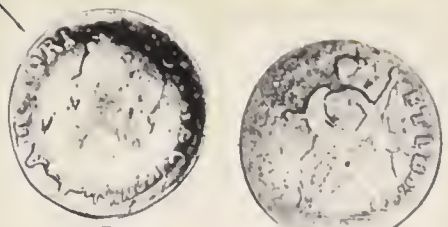
357.50

Lot No. 23

23 1785 M.7.1-D. Mailed Bust Left. Low R-6. Fine, late die state with usual obverse bulging. 128.4 gns. Glossy surfaces, deep brown fields with highlighted devices.
Ex Stack's S.A. (January 1992), lot 205; earlier, ex Bowers Collection privately.

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

(205) 1785 M.7-1-D (Low R-6). 128.4 grains. Glossy surfaces, deep brown fields with highlighted devices. A scarce variety. Fine, late die state with the usual bulging at central obverse. ABT FINE TINY DIG REV.
797.50 TO JOE PIERVINCENZI
From Q. David Bowers, privately in 1970.



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MIKE RINGO LIST APRIL, 1987

1. 1785 Mailed Bust Left, M.7.1-D. Fine, well centered on a medium brown planchet with tan devices. A couple of minor obverse striations are visible but do not affect the eye appeal of this scarce type..... 275.00

7.1-D

DON MITUZAS' 1992

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#9 SUMMER 1994
STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT#100

939 **1785 M.7.1-D. MBR.** Low Rarity 6 (traditional, probably High Rarity 4 to Rarity 5). Very Good. 121.9 gns. Very dark brown. Both surfaces uniformly granular. Center of obverse, reverse periphery soft due to advanced obverse state. Solidly collectable, no nicks or other serious damage. Entire center of obverse sinking; reverse appears perfect. Although dated 1785, M.7.1-D was actually struck later, after 1786 M.4.2 (same obverse die).

110-
280-
308.00

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

100-
375-
412.50

Lot No. 25
T. TERRANOVA

25 **1785 M.7.1-D, Mailed Bust Left.** High R-5 (revised). Very Fine for the state of the obverse. 139.9 gns. Nice olive color, obverse unfortunately flawed. We have seen 21 different specimens and feel the rarity rating needs to be lowered. Die states as Taylor:2331.

From Lyman Low's April 23, 1919 sale. Two round card & paper tickets accompany this lot, one with Hall's attribution number (7-D.1).

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL#12 (1997) LOT# 79
STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

26 **1785 M.7.1-D. MBL.** Another. High R-5 (revised). Fine, once cleaned. 141.8 gns. Die states as Taylor:2331.

180-
190-
209- OK VG

From David Proskey's June 10, 1903 sale, graded "Fair." Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot. A. SPENCER

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#9 SUMMER, 1994

101 1785 Connecticut, Miller 7.1-D, another. 135.7 grains. Very Good or so, some details fully of the Fine level. Full legends with the exception of the E of ET LIB which is obscured by a planchet flaw; the date weak. Dark brown planchet with some light laminations and planchet flakings on either side of the coin. One small nick at the O of CONNEC and a small natural planchet flaw at the T of AUCTORI don't really detract all that much. Another example of this rare and popular variety—we'll often go many months or years without having a single example in stock [and with a lot of want lists with the variety on it!], so having two examples at the same time is quite unusual. Although the present coin does not have the eye appeal of the preceeding example, it is certainly a lot more inexpensive and will allow one lucky collector the chance to fill a tough hole in their variety set for a very reasonable price..... $249

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#9 SUMMER, 1994

TWO EXAMPLES OF THE RARE 1785 MILLER 7.1-D
Mailed Bust Left Type

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT# 939 AT $308.00

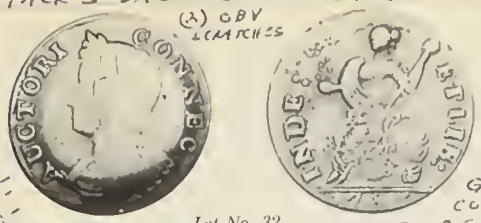
100 1785 Connecticut, Miller 7.1-D, the rare Mailed Bust Left type. Low Rarity 6. 121.9 grains. Fine to Very Fine, a well-above average example of the variety. The legends are full, the last two digits of the date slightly weak but complete. As usual, the obverse die has failed, causing the coin to be slightly convex—which also causes the reverse to be a bit weaker than the obverse, again typical of the variety. Very attractive medium brown surfaces that are slightly matte-like but completely free of any sort of damage or defect [usually the variety comes plagued with laminations or other defects]. Certainly one of the most attractive specimens to appear on the market since the sale of the Taylor collection in 1987. A very popular variety, and a major type coin as well—one of only four varieties dated 1785 to have the Mailed Bust Right design that was adopted for most of the 1786 issues [the other three varieties, Miller 7.2-D, 7.3-D and 8-D are low Rarity-7, High Rarity-7 and Rarity-6 respectively]. Sharpness and planchet quality nearly equal to the EAC '75 coin which was called possibly finest known for the variety. A chance for the Connecticut specialist to obtain a very attractive example of a scarcer variety and a major type at an equally attractive price.....$399

The 1785 Mailed Bust Right varieties were struck in 1786, not the year dated. The obverse dies may be the first use of Abel Buell's complex hub technology and the sturdy 1785 D reverse must have still been servicable. Obverse 7.2 of 1785 is the same as obverse 4.2 of 1786 [not 7.1 as erroneously stated in a recent auction catalogue], though in a much later die state than the 1786-dated strikings, proving they were struck later than the 1785 date on the reverse side.

7.1-D

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

(2) OBV SCRATCHES



300-
800-
880-

GOOD COLOR

T. TERRANOVA Lot No. 32 NICE VF 30-35

32 **1785 M.7.1-D. Mailed Bust Left.** R-6- (traditional, probably R-4+). Very Fine. 137.8 gns. Very attractive, olive-brown with a few patches of darker brown on both sides. Obverse surface appears smooth and hard, porosity free; reverse rougher due almost entirely to the late state of the die. Two light, parallel scratches through effigy's head on obverse; a scattering of tiny nicks in the center of the reverse. Otherwise, no accidental marks requiring specific mention and no seriously disfiguring rim defects visible. Die states as Taylor:2331.

Miller 7.1-D has traditionally been rated as a Low Rarity 6. Hawever, we have naw seen 23 discreet specimens, and if M.3.1-L and 3.2-L are ta be rated as R-4+, then sa shauld M.7.1-D, since the number af specimens seen af all three is abaut equivalent.

STACK'S SALE "DEVRIES COLL" SEPT 10-11, 1996

800-
850-
935-

(2) TINY RIM NICKS

Lot No. 1007 NICE VF-30/35

OK++ LIGHT REDDISH BROWN COLOR

1007 **1785 Connecticut.** Miller 7.1-D. Mailed Bust Left. ~~Extremely Fine~~/~~About Uncirculated~~. 137.8 grains. Glossy light brown surfaces, boldly convex obverse distinguish this fascinating specimen. NEIL ROTHSCHILD

SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT #32 AS VF

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

65-
130-
143-

147. 1785 CONNECTICUT M.7.1-D MBL (R-5) VG8 135.1 gns. Traditionally assigned a rarity 6 rating, most experts now feel that is too high. Still quite scarce, and a major type in the Connecticut series and so in demand. This is the most common of the three 1785 mailed bust left varieties. Unfortunately this coin has black fields and fairly bright copper high points from a cleaning. The last digit in the date is also essentially unreadable. The cleaning certainly highlights the obverse die bulge. Otherwise the surfaces are fairly smooth despite some central reverse porosity.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

EX. STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER SALE" JUNE 8, 1994 #26 AT $209-

A CHOICE MILLER 7.1-D
MAILED BUST LEFT TYPE
Ex Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd, John J. Ford, Jr.

79 1785 Connecticut. Miller 7.1-D. Low Rarity-6. 141.8 grains. Choice Fine, the obverse a bit nicer. Well struck, with full legends, a sharp date and excellent design detail for the grade. Struck from a slightly earlier die state than normally found, the obverse die failing but not quite convex and thus not obscuring some of the details on that side. Lovely light brown surfaces, free of all but the most absolutely trivial of circulation marks, and completely free of the roughness and planchet laminations that usually plague the issue, making for a most attractive example of the variety or type. Even better, this is the HILLYER RYDER coin, with a pedigree traced back to the turn of the century, and is accomapnied by his handwritten lot ticket; it later rsided in the collections of F.C.C. Boyd and John J. Ford, Jr, making for an exceptional pedigree chain. An extremely difficult type to acquire in decent grade, the Mailed Bust Left type is found on only four varieties of 1785 [Miller 7.1-D, offered here; Miller 7.2-D, a Low R-7; Miller 7.3-D, a high R-7; and Miller 8-D, offered in the following lot]. The slightly rough VG on our last list received over half a dozen orders, but sold to the first person who called. This one is much nicer, and we expect a lot of interest in it at just.....$629

From the Hillyer Ryder collection, accomapnied by his handwritten ticket, with the pedigree given as from David Proskey's June 10 1903 sale Ryder graded it "Fair." From there the coin passed to the F.C.C. Boyd and John J. Ford, Jr. collections.

7.1-D

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#11 SPRING 1996

An Affordable Miller 7.1-D Mailed Bust Left Type

106 1785 Connecticut. Miller 7.1-D, Mailed Bust Left. Low Rarity-6. 129.6 grains. Very Good or so, some details a bit stronger, others weaker due to the convex obverse die used to strike the coin. Full legends, one or two letters weaker than their brethren; the date weak but still partially visible. Medium brown surfaces, faintly rough. The obverse has a darker toning streak through the effigy's torso and one small planchet flaw well hidden in the mailed bust. The reverse has a medium-sized rim flaw visible at K-11, which does not show on the obverse and is located in such a place that it does not touch any of the legends or design details. Overall, a pleasing lower grade example of this rare variety and unique type coin — one of only four varieties of the year to have a Mailed Bust facing left [the other three are Miller 7.2-D, 7.3-D and 8-D, which are rated a Low R-7, High R-7 and High R-6 respectively]. This is the first example we've had in stock since our Ninth price list over two years ago, and the variety is on a large number of want lists by both variety and type collectors.....$199

The 1785 Mailed Bust Left varieties were struck in 1786, not the year they are dated. The obverse dies may have been the first ones made using Abel Buell's complex hub technology, and the sturdy 1785 reverse D was still servicable [or possibly the only one available]. Obverse 7.2 of 1785 is the same as Obverse 4.2 of 1786, though the former is in a much later die state, effectively proving the striking date of all the 1785 Mailed Bust left varieties.

7.2-D

Obverse 7. Insert Var. 1 to printed description.

Var. 2. Similar to Var. 1; heavy break from neck through fillet ends; semicircular termination of breastplate. This is the same die as used in 4^2 of 1786. 7^2—D (R^6)

Obverse 7 Add the words "Var. 2" after Obv. 7 in last sentence, as two varieties are now known of this 1785 cent.

TWO EXAMPLES OF THE RARE 1785–M. 7.2–D

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE 'FEB, 15, 1975

27 **1785. M. 7.2–D.** R–7. Similar, but with sliver out of die through ribbon ends. Difficult to grade, this is weakly struck but shows not much wear; most details of hair and wreath are discernible, as are part of drapery and cuirass. Struck on a thin planchet without defects aside from one small one on edge below 5; old shallow scratches on shield, not affecting color. **The objective grade; in terms of the wear this coin has received, would have to be in the neighborhood of Fine;** dark olive and steel with lighter mottlings. **So far as we know this is the first time the variety has appeared at auction, the first time illustrated. There are possibly nine specimens known, all in low grades,** none much bolder than the present coin. **(Photo)** $815 **($500.–up)**

EAC '75

27

BOWER'S' SOMERSET SALE 'MAY 29, 1992

1785 M 7.2-D

Low Rarity-7

EAC '75 # 27 AS FINE @ $815

EX EAC '75 2/15/75 LOT # 27

$1,870 BOOK

155 **1785 Connecticut copper. M 7.2-D. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Low Rarity-7.** 129.9 grains. A medium brown specimen with uniformly faint porosity on both sides, not affecting the design detail to any extent. A grand opportunity for the Connecticut copper specialist to obtain this rare and elusive variety, one that was missing from the Garrett Collection, as well as Stack's/M.H.S. sale. Nearly the visual equivalent to Taylor-2333, with all four numerals of the date boldly rendered. Some striking weakness is noted on the reverse at 12:00. Additionally, a faint planchet cutter lip is seen on the reverse from just right of the date and extending over the letters INDE. Typical obverse die crack is noted at the effigy's neck and ribbon area. Save for the minor porosity as previously noted, this coin exhibits no detracting marks. Watch the specialists vie for this one.

Unknown to Henry C. Miller in 1920, this die combination was discovered after publication of *The State Coinage of Connecticut.*

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE 'FEB 15, 1975 EAC '75

28 **1785. Another M. 7.2–D.** Later state with the break very heavy, far more so than on either of its 1786 mulings (see below, 1786 4.2–R, 4.2–S). **Some details better than Fine,** others weaker as struck; dark green patina devices highlighted, everything legible except for UCTO and INDE, suggesting that the dies were not quite in parallel planes in the press. The few planchet defects are insignificant, and there are no nicks or dents worth mention. **Far above average for this great rarity.** From T. L. Craige, Kessler collections. $475 **($500.–up)**

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1785 M 7.2-D

Among the Finest Known

FINEST

HALL TAYLOR

VF UNEVEN STRIKE GOOD COLOR & SURFACES

$1,100

TO R. MARTIN

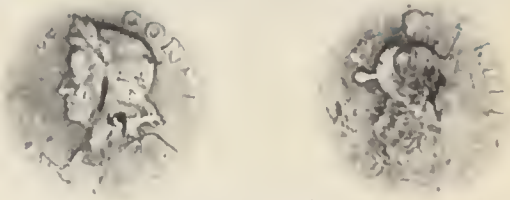
2333 **1785 Connecticut. M 7.2-D. Mailed Bust Left.** 134.4 grains. **Low Rarity-7. VF-20.** From the same dies as 7.1-D, with a horizontal break on the obverse extending from the effigy's neck through the ends of the wreath ribbons. Smooth, golden brown surfaces, with a few striations on the reverse. Final digit of the date not struck up, pit below T on the obverse.

Missing from the Garrett Collection, and the two Stack's/M.H.S. sales. Superior in condition to either of the two specimens offered in the Pine Tree/E.A.C. convention sale. A major opportunity for the Connecticut specialist! Attribution number, 7-D, painted on the edge. Unknown to Miller, the combination was discovered after publication of *The State Coinage of Connecticut*

According to Taylor's notes, Ex Dr. Hall's Collection, at $21.50 in 1954

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

LOT 18



WHT. 113.3 GR. R. MARTIN

1785 Mailed Bust Left M #7.2 D (R-7) Type of 1786. A significant transitional rarity and one of an estimated 10 survivors. ALMOST GOOD - 3 with moderate to severe planchet laminations. Some details rate as high as Very Good or even Fine.

$85

7.2-D

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #44 APRIL, 1972

1785 Draped bust left. 7.2-D (R-6). Head of '86. Ex. Norman Bryant and Richard Picker. A variety which was absent from our last offering. G/VG grade. An opportunity to acquire a coin which is at once a rare die variety and a rare type 395.00

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA P. 68 1988

739 1785 Mailed bust l., no obv. colons. Rare.
2 obv. vars. (Miller 7.1-D, 7.2-D). Struck after 755 and other 1786s with that obv. 1975 EAC:27–28. Always weak in centers; always in low grades.

N. PULLEN LIST #2, 1976

1785 BUST LEFT (p.27) M 7.2 D
AB. GOOD $25.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

7.2-D	1785	F+/F+	R7	Flat obverse; Tapered edge
7.2-D	1785	F/F-	R7	Flat obverse; Tapered edge
7.2-D	1785	VG/G	R7	
7.2-D	1785	VG/G	R7	Dark

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985 SEE PHOTO

35) 1785 M.7.2-D Fine/Very Fine obverse, reverse much weaker. Strong break through ribbon ends. Reverse slightly off center affecting tops of "LIB" with date weak and obscured. White ink attribution 7 2 over D in left obverse field with the 2 slightly raised. Also white ink "NEW" on neck and "85" in right obverse field. -C

RICHARD AUGUST, JAN 12, 1981 – R. MARTIN TO J. JEOFFREY 1982

1) 1785 7.2D M7 G, the only one I've ever handled, you can see the obverse die breaking up, I assume this was struck, after it was used with other reverses WHT. 127.7 GRAINS $85

ABOUT GOOD – USUAL UNEVEN STRIKE. SOME DETAILS VERY GOOD, OTHERS WEAKER AND NOT DISCERNIBLE. LIGHTLY POROUS, MORE SO ON REVERSE. LIGHT BROWN COLOR

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1785 CONNECTICUT M.7.2-D, Rarity 7, Mailed bust left. Overall Good-4 Scratched with planchet defect, but truly rare in any condition. Ex: NCNA Sale 1961, Lot 518, record of $475.00 in VG in 1975 ..... 300.00

1785 M.7.2-D WHT.115.9 GRAINS
VERY GOOD
DON MITUZAS STOCK 1995

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

7.2-D

7.2-D -- Discovered by Frederick Canfield shortly after the publication of Miller's work, and first published in the *Additions and Corrections* printed the following year. Canfield's specimen, now in the A.N.S., has "NEW?" written in white ink on the obverse, and the box holding the coin is marked "Unique? Not in Miller's original list." Around a dozen specimens, possibly more that are attributed only as 7-D's, are known, including the Taylor coin and two from the 1975 E.A.C. sale.

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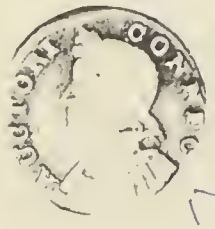
BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY



Obverse 7.2 of 1785

also known as

Obverse 4.2 of 1786

BARNSLEY SPECIMEN

Canfield and Ryder in their supplement to Miller (Page 4), pointed out that obverse 7.2 of 1785 is the same obverse as 4.2 of 1786. They did not mention, though, that its striking sequence was in reverse chronological order. When this die was used first, it was with reverse R of 1786, and it showed no major imperfection. However, when it was subsequently paired with reverse S of 1786 and reverse D of 1785, it showed a massive die break crossing through the neck to the two fillets. Consequently, this die was positively used with a reverse dated 1786 prior to its being paired with a 1785 reverse.

7.2 of 1785

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

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ANS Collection Connecticut Coppers

7.2-D

We also should compare the style and devices of one type of the 1785 Connecticut coppers - Miller 8 - (also Miller 7.1 and 7.2; JCS) with that of the Vermont coppers of the new designs - Ryder 15 - (also Ryder 10 and 11; JCS) specified in the Act of October 24, 1786. Representative specimens are enlarged 1.5x and illustrated below.

2ND BARNSLEY SPECIMEN ?

Miller 7.2 of 1785

Ryder 10 (obv.) of 1786

Their close resemblance seems more than merely coincidental. The letter and punctuation punches constitute the only differences. Those of the Vermont specimens are the same as were used in making the dies for the original Vermont designs - Ryder 5 -. The later 1787 and 1788 Vermont dies show two entirely different style letter punch sets and workmanship - Ryder 14 and 23 -.

The complete definition of both the history and of the coinings of the Rupert mint and its people must await the completion of a much more thorough research. However - the following hypothesis would seem to fit all the presently known facts and and to reasonably explain the apparent contridiction.

It would read that William Buell moved to Rupert early enough to have assisted Harmon in setting up the mint in 1785 at its first location on Millbrook where he cut the dies for the 1785 and 1786 coins. Thus any dies that he brought with him would have been for the 1785 Connecticut coppers (Miller types 7 & 8 of 1785; JCS) the style of which he closely copied for the new 1786 Vermont design. (Had William's removal from New Haven been delayed until after the Fugio design had been determined, he could not have assisted Harmon in setting up the mint even at its final location.)

Our hypothesis would further suggest that William Coley's move from New York to Rupert occurred early in 1787 since he was still a resident of New York at the time of his February 16, 1787 petition. He assisted Harmon in setting up the mint in the final location on the Pawlet River for the specified July 1, 1787 completion required by the Machin's Mill - Rupert agreement. There he cut the dies for the Rupert part of the production of 1787 and 1788 Vermont coins.

7.2-D

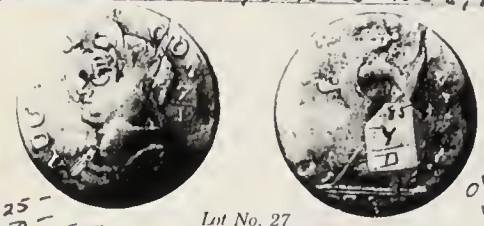
ROSA AMERICANA LFD (J. ROCK) FPLA #10 SPRING, 1995

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 7.2-D MAILED BUST LEFT TYPE The Hillyer Ryder-Dr. Hall Coin!

85 1785 Connecticut, Miller 7.2-D. Low Rarity-7. 130.2 grains. Fine or so, with some slight striking weakness at the left reverse periphery. The legends and date have some scattered weakness but all are mostly visible. The center of the obverse is quite strong, with fantastic facial, hair and bust detail. The reverse is weaker than the obverse, as always found on the variety and as shared with all the other examples known. Attractive olive brown color, with a few faint planchet striations on either side, none serious or distracting. There appears to be a dent at the center of the reverse which has been covered up by a small rectangular collector's ticket with the attribution painted on it—certainly a creative way to ignore the problem! PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the right obverse field as "7/D," the discovery that there were at least two, possibly three different obverses made long after the Miller book was written. This is the HILLYER RYDER coin and is accompanied by his handwritten round cardboard lot ticket with his information on it. The ticket contains the famous "circle H" which suggests that this is also the DR. HALL coin! A fantastic rarity in the Connecticut series, we know of only four auction records in the last two decades: the EAC '75 sale with a pair in Fine and VG/F, the latter toned green; the Taylor coin, a strong VF and one of the finest known, and the last one being a Fine example in the Somerset sale which brought a bid of $1870 to another colonial dealer! The variety was completely missing from such legendary Connecticut offerings as Garrett, Roper, Robison, Picker, Norweb, Oechsner, Hessberg and Perkins! One of the reasons that the variety is impossible to find in any grade is that at least five specimens are permanently impounded in museum collections: the ANS piece [near VF, the discovery coin for the variety] and four in the Colonial Newsletter reference collection [all from Ned Bamsley who purchased every example he could find! These grade near VF, F, VG and VG]. With a population of roughly a dozen examples, none seemingly better than VF and with nearly half the population in museum collections, is it any wonder that this issue is at the top of the wish lists for many Connecticut copper specialists? When you add in the incomparable pedigree from Ryder and possibly Hall, you really have a coin that has it all! EX: STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER" SALE JUNE 8, 1994 LOT #27 AT 495 ..... $1029

The 1785 Mailed Bust Left varieties were struck in 1786, not the year dated. The obverse dies may be the first use of Abel Buell's radical complex hub technology. The sturdy D reverse must have still been servicable in 1786 and thus pressed into service with three, possibly four more dies [obverses 7.1, 7.2 and 8; obverse 7.3 is probably a different die, but not yet confirmed to everyone's satisfaction]. The obverse of this variety is the same as obverse 4.2 of 1786, though in a much later die state than found on the 1786-dated coinage, proving that the 1785-dated issues must have been struck later than the date they claim.

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994



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Lot No. 27

OK VG/FINE DENT

T-RINALDO-ROCK

27 **1785 M.7.2-D. MBL. R-6** (revised). Net Very Good, sharpness of Fine/Good, obverse sharpness in places of strong Fine. 130.2 gns. Olive brown. Deep dent in center of reverse covered by a collector's ticket with attribution number. Linear flaws both sides. Attribution number painted on obverse. Small dents on forehead, planchet cutter lip obverse at 2:00. **Very scarce:** we have records of seven specimens and expect there are about six more we have not yet seen. The Taylor, ANS, and Ford Prime coins are the nicest seen so far. Late die states, as Taylor:2333.

Round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot.

7.2-D

7.3-D

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989
7.3-D 1785 Ft R8U Heavy planchet striations

BOWER'S "TAYLOR SALE" MAR 27, 1987

Second 1785 M 7.~~1~~3-D

TO A. TERRANOVA

7.3-D

DEEP FLAW ON REV.

LOCAL WEAKNESSES

VF20++ GOOD COLOR

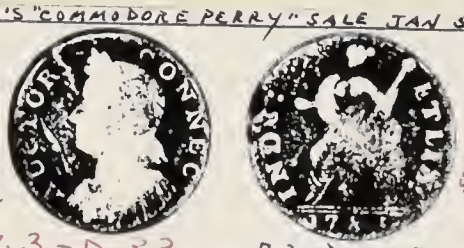
160-
475-

7.3-D

2332 **1785 Connecticut. M ~~7.1~~-D. Mailed Bust Left.** 143.9 grains. Low Rarity-6. VF-30. A second example of this scarce variety, and an important one from a technical standpoint. From the absence of pronounced clash marks on either obverse or reverse; and the flat, planar obverse surface; seemingly struck before the dies clashed. The majority of the M 7.1-D specimens we have noted all exhibit the deep convexity on the obverse as described in the preceding lot. This example, an earlier die state, is considerably scarcer than the usually seen one. One or two "die-lumps" at the top of the reverse are somewhat suggestive of clashing, as is the lack of detail (refer to the photograph) in the obverse and reverse legends. However, there are no deep incusations, usually found on the reverse, that suggest severe clashing. In other words, an early state of these dies and one which will appeal to the die variety specialist in the series. Medium golden brown surfaces, smooth and free from porosity. Deep reverse planchet flaw, not an unusual feature on Connecticut coppers, very similar to the flaw on the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen. This one obscures the upper dot of the final colon. Well centered, with full, if somewhat weak, legends, and a bold date.

$525

BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY" SALE JAN 5, 1995



SEE 7.1-D

605-

7.3-D ??

7.3-D TO JIM GOUDGE

568 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller (8-D) Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-6.** 126.6 grains. From an early state of the obverse die, before serious buckling has commenced; a full profile of the effigy appears. Microscopically porous tan surfaces with deeper olive in the fields. Reverse flan flaw at 10:00. A rare and desirable variety.

From the Commodore Matthew C. Perry Collection.

7.3-D

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1245 J. ROCK

7.3-D -- Discovered by Robert Lindesmith in 1973, the variety was not confirmed until Lot 2332 appeared in the Frederick B. Taylor Sale of March 26-28, 1987, and described there as a 7.1-D A discussion of this die and the circumstances surrounding the problems of confirming the variety will be presented in a companion article prepared by the Editor -- The Elusive Connecticut Obverse 7.3 of 1785, which will appear in conjunction with Part 2 of this article, or perhaps earlier.

IRA & LARRY GOLDBERG COINS & COLLECTIBLES 5/24/2009

Lot 21 **1785 Connecticut Miller ~~7.1~~ 7.3-D Rarity-4+. Fine-15.** Slightly glossy golden brown with darker olive toning covering the fields and protected areas. The attractive two-tone appearance of this piece accents the details and the eye appeal is excellent for the grade. There are some natural planchet striations at the top of the obverse and bottom of the reverse, and these later ones obliterate most of the date. Still a decent example of this scarce variety. JIM GOUDGE
Estimated Value $100 - 150. SOLD $833.75

Sale 53: The Pre-Long Beach Auction

OBV 7.3

7.3-D

1785 7.3-D ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

PINE TREE 'EAC' 75 SALE 'FEB 25, 1975

8-D

FINEST KNOWN

EXCEEDINGLY RARE 1785 M. 8-D

29 **1785. M. 8-D.** R-7. Similar, but colons after AUCTORI: CONNEC: as on most dies of 1786 type 5; not the same die as any of these, as the flaw before face appears to have expanded rapidly and forced its immediate discard. **Where struck up at all, this piece is Fine or better; smooth light olive and tan,** interestingly mottled, with one small planchet defect at eye, a smaller one above 8, but no blemishes aside from honest wear and not a great deal of that. **Extremely rare; only one known in Crosby's day (1873–75), at most eight traceable today,** though one or two others are rumored, all in low grades, **the present coin being finest. In approximate order of fineness, they are:**

$750

1. The present example, pedigree uncertain, possibly Craige coll.
2. New Netherlands 51st Sale, lot 67, "not quite Fine," heavy black patina, ex. Breen.
3. Miller plate coin.
4. Hoch Plate coin. ANS SPECIMEN #2
5. Stack's sale, March 1973, lot 40, among coins from Mass. Historical Society, only Good.
6. ANS Museum ex Canfield bequest. SPECIMEN #1
7. Bowers list, Aug. 1972, at $495.
8. Stack's sale, Oct. 1970, ex. Mass. Historical Society, ex. Appleton "Fair to good." $750

(Photo) ($700.–up)

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988

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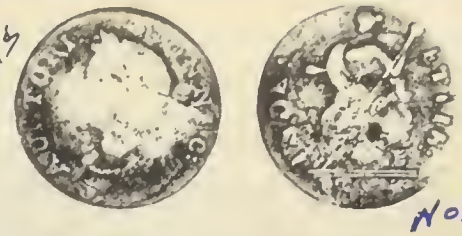

$121

NORWEB

2474 **1785 Connecticut. M 8-D.** G-4/VG-8. Rarity-6. 136.2 grains. 28.2mm. 170°. Greenish brown, inactive verdigris. Typical obverse state for this die, slightly later than Taylor: 2334 but earlier than Taylor: 2335.

Purchased between 1913-1915.

1827 1785. Head to l. Rx. similar to last. C. 8-D. Rarity 6. Fine. 8.75

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920

OBV

MILLER PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

2084 1785. C. 8——D. R. 5.; ~~6 (4) I.~~, Good. 4 pcs.

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STACK'S M.H.S. OCT 23, 1970

124 **1785 Miller 8-D.** Fair-Good. **Rarity 6.** The rarer of the two BUST LEFT varieties, having colons in the obverse legend. The obverse die has bulged considerably. In addition the coin has seen a good deal of wear. A light planchet defect in the field under OR. The mail, date, branch, legends, punctuation and ornament are all clear, though not all sharp. But still a highly desirable coin. **Miller states, "One of the rarest types of 1785. Crosby found only one."** A mixed light and dark brown. **PLATE** $60

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1785 M 8-D

REV. CLEANED F/VF DETAIL

$385

TINY NICK

TAYLOR

2334 **1785 Connecticut. M 8-D. Mailed Bust Left.** 144.9 grains. **Rarity-6.** F-12, with some details sharper. Struck from an obverse die which had begun sinking across the center, horizontally, very early on. The sinking has obscured much of the central detail on this piece, as on the example in the lot to follow and as can be seen on virtually all other specimens of M 8-D. Obverse and reverse legends are mostly legible, and there is a full date. Interestingly, the obverse is a medium to dark golden brown, while the reverse is an unusual, bright reddish orange. Traces of lacquer on the reverse. Pronounced planchet cutter "lip" around portions of the obverse rim. Rarity-6 today, at one time thought to be a Rarity-7 variety. Not one of the specimens enumerated in the Pine Tree E.A.C. listing of the eight known at the time. Finer than the Stack's M.H.S. (1970) specimen, not quite as nice as the Pine Tree/E.A.C. one. Missing from the Garrett Collection.

19 1785 M #8-D (R-7) The second transitional variety and rarer than the last. VERY GOOD-8 with planchet laminations. Beautiful color and surfaces. NEW ENGLAND SALE JULY 23, 1976

$170

1785 M 8-D

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TOO DEFECTIVE

$121

TAYLOR

2335 **1785 Connecticut. M 8-D. Mailed Bust Left.** 125.7 grains. **Rarity-6.** G-4, with some details sharper. A second example from these dies. Included by Taylor as an example of a later state of these dies. The obverse bulge has grown to obscure most of the details on the effigy's face, although the legends are complete. The convexity has grown to such an extent that the letters of the obverse legend were not struck up. Reverse somewhat sharper than the overall grade suggests, but with traces of encrusted material running from the top of Miss Liberty's head through the letters of the last two words of the legend. Struck on a fairly seriously flawed planchet, striations running across both surfaces. Bold date.

From New England Rare Coin Auctions Sale [illegible] 1976 [illegible]

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 19[illegible] [illegible] $440

8-D

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

531 1785 Bust Left. 8-D (R-6). Exceedingly rare variety. Miller notes that this is "one of the rarest types of 1785: Crosby found only one." The present coin is one of the finest known examples and from a wear viewpoint grades **Extremely Fine.** The obverse is weakly struck at the center. The reverse is very sharp (for this variety) and shows much detail, including about 60% of the shield inscription. A rare, rare prize which has the double-desirability of being in demand as a die variety and also as a major design type. We should see really spirited bidding on this one!

$200-

STACK'S SALE' MAY 13, 1972

57 1785 M.8-D, M.B.L. (rare); GOOD OR BETTER 1 OF 5 PIECES AT $180-

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1988)

740 1785 Mailed bust l., colons in obv. legend. About 10 known.

Miller 8-D, rev. as last. Same comments. That ill. is one of the finest: ~~Craige, 1975 EAC.29~~.

BOWER'S SALE 10/1/76 LOT # 534

8-D

STACK'S ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

ROPER

300-
$360-

OK/NICE FOR THE GRADE

Lot No. 229

229 **1785 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 8-D.** 149.6 grains. **Very rare as a variety and as a type.** Colons in legends. Although not as sharp as the preceding specimens, on balance a very desirable coin. The wear is even and the surfaces are smooth. The date is strong, which is very important since this type was continued into 1786. Dark brown surfaces with lighter highlights, with no serious marks or planchet defects. **Fine.** $396 → JOHN SYPE

STACK'S SALE JAN 31, 1969

Lot No. 40

40 **1785 Miller 8-D.** Rarity 6. Mailed bust facing LEFT. Not only is this a very rare type, this piece is the rarest variety. Fine. Surprisingly clear surfaces. All devices and date sharp and clear. A well centered, light and dark brown beauty. There should be keen competition for this piece! $360-

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1785 M. 8-D
Pedigreed Rarity

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 1 FEB, 1989

61 **1785 Connecticut copper. Miller 8-D. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 6.** 133.2 grains. **Fine,** the obverse somewhat weaker due to the advanced die failures that are always seen on this variety. Struck on a dark and slightly oval planchet (28.01 x 28.41mm) of a somewhat brassy alloy; the reverse is quite bold. The 1785 Mailed Bust left coinage is the most difficult type to locate for the year, and, when found, is usually in much lower grade. A very acceptable example for the advanced collector.....$249

The pedigree of this coin is impressive: Ex Virgil Brand, Walter Breen, to New Netherlands 51st sale in June, 1958, where it appeared as Lot 67, and was called "probably the third finest known." Purchased by Herbert Oeschner for the then pricey sum of $39, later appearing as Lot 1039 in the sale of his collection in September, 1988.

EX ROSA AMERICANA FPL # 12 (1997) LOT # 81 AT $829-

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

TOO BLACK!

50-
100-

Lot No. 1039

OECHSNER

1039 1785 Miller 8-D. Mailed bust left. (R-6). 132.7 grains. **Very Good,** the obverse weak due to die failure. The reverse has at least Fine sharpness and a full date. Deep black patina, flaking off in a few places. Obverse legends are weak but essentially complete.

$110-

From the Virgil Brand Collection most recently in New Netherlands' 51st sale, June 19, 1958, lot 67.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 19, 1958

67 1785. Mailed bust left; colons after legends. **M. 8-D.** Not quite Fine for coin. Struck in a brassy alloy upon an oval planchet, which is covered with a heavy black patina. The obv. flat looking, owing to a swell in die which obliterates profile and other details. Reverse bold and clear. Really rare; Crosby only knew of one example. This is probably the third finest known of possibly seven or eight extant. Also ex Breen. **($27.50)**

39-

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

8-D

REVERSE HARSHLY CLEANED

475-
475-

Lot No. 111

111 **1785 Mailed Bust Left.** M.8-D. A very rare type and an HARSHLY extremely rare variety. Evenly struck with all features visible. ~~Lightly~~ cleaned at one time, now retoning. Among the best known. **Very Fine.**

#475-

SCRAPES

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT 16, 1981

1785 CONNECTICUT M.8-D, Rarity-7, extremely rare. Only one known in Crosby's day (1873-75). At most only 8 traceable today. Last sold at EAC Sale 1975 for $750.00 & was a Fine Good-6 dark 1,200.00

KAGIN'S SALE NO 331 OCT 14-15, 1983

1185 1785 Miller 8-D, **Good-4**, dark. Only one known in Crosby's day (1873-1875), at most only 8 traceable today. Last one sold at EAC Sale 1975 for $750 (fine). $220 -

VERY RARE 1785 M.8-D

STACK'S SALE' JUNE 18, 1987

675-
1000-

OK, BIT DARK ABT VF

Lot No. 48

R. AUGUST

48 **1785 Connecticut.** Miller 8-D (R-6). Fine, with claims to Very Fine. Deep brown with lighter walnut, minor flan defects and a small corroded area below the armor. Very strong strike for this issue, vastly better in that regard than the specimen in the 1975 EAC Sale, lot 75, at that time the finest known of only 8 specimens and the only full Fine. Full armor, most major hair detail intact; on the reverse, full drapery, full shield with the lower two grape vines partially visible. An exceptional specimen of this major Connecticut rarity.

1,100-

1785 Bust left. 8-D. (R-6). Miller notes: "Crosby found only one." Very Good RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970 ..... 139.00

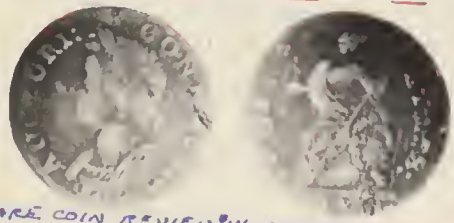
1785 ~~Draped~~ MAILED bust left, 8-D (R-6). Miller notes: "One of the rarest types of 1785. Crosby found only one." Very Good grade, displaying even wear and, unusually enough, with all legends quite clear. A prize Connecticut cent! 279.00
BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW" #12 SEPT, 1971

SEE PHOTO
STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

28 - **1785 M.8-D.** MBL. R-6. Technically Very Fine given the die states, sharpness of Fine. 142.1 gns. Brown, small obverse flaws at left, tiny clip above TO. Obverse center sunk; reverse seems perfect. J. GOUDGE

260-
475-
522.50

OK VG



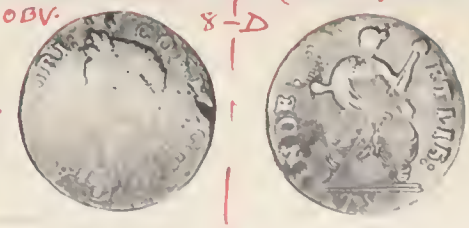
RCR #15 AUG, 1972

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1785 Draped bust left. 8-D. (R-6). Head of '86. Miller notes: "One of the rarest types of 1785. Crosby found only one." Very Good grade, evenly worn, and, unusually enough, with all legends quite clear. $279.00; Very Fine. A spectacular coin! We doubt if $1000 could duplicate it on today's market. Enough said! 495.00

VLACK PLATE (1965)

OBV. 8-D



8-D

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992 —

(206) 440.00 1785 M.8-D (R-6). 140.9 grains. Late obverse die state; the die sinking having weakened the central area though the reverse is sharper and shows the complete date and INDE. Deep brown fields with somewhat contrasting devices. Lacking in the Garrett Collection. A **Condition Census** specimen. Very Fine. ABT. FINE TOO DARK J. PIERVINCENTI

From Q. David Bowers, privately in 1970.

(206)

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER (BARNSLEY COLL) 1989

8 D 1785 Pr/G R6+

HOCH PLATE

8

ANS SPEC.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

36) 1785 M.8-D Very Good overall. Localized weakness on obverse affecting "TO" in AUCTORI. Reverse with myriad of diagonal defects, otherwise relatively smooth mottled shades of tan and darker browns. White ink attribution 8 over D as well as the letter M in obverse fields. -C

37) 1785 M.8-D Very Good. Localized weakness affecting "ORI" in AUCTORI and corresponding "IN" in INDE on reverse. Old scrape across "O" in AUCTORI on obverse and a small crack in reverse right field, otherwise relatively smooth light olive brown surfaces. White ink 8 over D as well as the letter M in obverse fields. (No Provenance)

HOCH PLATE

D

ANS SPEC.

STACK'S & MASS HIST. SOCIETY SALE MARCH 2, 1973

40 - 1785 Connecticut. Miller 8-D. Rarity 6. The highly sought-after **Mailed bust left with colons.** The central portion of the obverse is buckled and worn, but the lettering and colons are clear. The mail is very clear as is the top of the head. The reverse has fared better though the date is weak. A highly desirable variety and type. Nearly Good.

35-

RICHARD AUGUST, JAN 12, 1981 R. MARTIN TO J. JEOFFREY

2) 1785 8D F/VG this is even rarer, the only one I've had, I've had it in my own collection for years. The Dr. Hall number was on the obverse in white ink, but it was removed by the person I bought it from. I can't find this coin having been sold in the recent past — POSSIBLY SPECIMEN IN BOWERS' RARE COIN REVIEW #12" SEPT, 1971 $895

DEC, 1985

WHT. 117.2 GRAINS

— VG/FINE OBV. G/VG REV. VERY GOOD OVERALL. FIELDS DARK W/ DEVICES & LEGENDS HIGHLIGHTED

BOWER'S M. BROWN SALE NOV 9-11, 1983 LOT #4666

1785 cent bust left Good-4, light porosity. M8-D;

1 OF 12 PIECES

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

216. 1785 MAILED BUST LEFT. Miller 8-D. (High R-6). Fair. The bust and some of the obverse legend are visible; the reverse is mostly smooth. $35

217. As above. Miller 8-D. (High R-6). Very Good/Good. A sharper piece than the last but, unfortunately, there are edge cuts at 3:00-5:00 on the obverse. $60

BOWER'S "MARCUS J. BROWN ESTATE" NOV 9-10-1983

4667 1785 Connecticut cent. Bust facing left. VF-30. Miller 8-D. Among the finest known. WHT. 143.6 GR. 357.50

R. MARTIN COLLECTION

1785 M. 8-D Very Fine. Multiple Struck. First struck as a partial off-center brockage. Than normally struck twice again; last strike slightly shifted resulting in doubling of main devices and legends. Unusally smooth, glossy medium brown surfaces and color. Some trival planchet laminations. High condition census.

Ex. Bowers & Merena "Marcus Brown" Nov 9-10, 1983 lot#4667. The multiple striking not mentioned in the description of the lot.

8-D

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

940 **1785 M.8-D. MBR. Low Rarity 6.** Good/Fine for sharpness. 125.7 gns. The Taylor coin. Mostly orange-brown, some obverse areas darker. Both surfaces micro granular. Heavy linear obverse flaws; one heavy flaw across reverse shield. Traces of old encrustation around upper reverse periphery. Obverse center failing, consequent loss of detail there. This is only the tenth specimen we have recorded and the rarity rating may still be accurate. EX TAYLOR #2335

150-
400-
440-

From Bowers and Merena's sale of the Frederick B. Taylor Collection, March 28, 1987, lot 2335.

SEE COLOR PHOTO
ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.8-D
EXTREMELY FINE
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES

The exact number of such biennial usages has not been established because of the difficulty of deciding absolute identity of suspect dies, many of which are so similar to each other, especially in the intricacies of legend ornamentation, as to defy detection of differentation. For example, obverse 8 of 1785 is very, very similar to several of the obverse 5's of 1786, yet it differs from each of them in sufficient minutia so we cannot state affirmatively that identity does exist. The lack of certain specimens in better-than-average condition is another reason for our inability to prove more biennial usages.

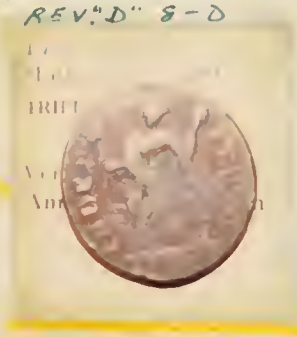
An Interesting 1785 Miller 8-D **(TN-146)**
from Mike Hodder; Wolfeboro, NH

An interesting example of 1785 Miller 8-D, Draped Bust Left, punctuation by colons and a cluster of four stops above the branch hand, suggests an extension of the emission sequence for the extended reverse D family of dies. This family includes 1785 M 7.1-D, M 7.2-D, M 7.3-D, and M 8-D; 1786 M 4.2-R and M 4.2-S. The specimen in question weighs 143.6 grains, is 30.0 x 29.5 mm in diameter (horizontal x vertical), and its reverse die was oriented at 175 degrees, or nearly perfect "coin turn."

When married to obverses 7.2, 7.3, and 8 reverse D is usually found perfect. Paired with obverse 7.1 reverse D is usually found showing damage around the rim at 10:00-1:30, apparently from clashing with this obverse die. Some examples of 7.2-D also show this damage to the reverse (Taylor:2333, for example). I have now seen two specimens of 8-D which show the same reverse damage, Taylor:2335 and a recently seen coin in a condition conscious New York collection. R. MARTIN COLLECTION

Since we know that 1786 obverse 4.2 is the same die as 1785 7.1, and since 7.1 is found in a severely damaged state while 4.2 is not, we know that 1786 M 4.2-R and 4.2-S were struck before 1785 M 7.1-D. The evidence of the two 1785 M 8-D's in the late reverse state expands the emission sequence for the extended D family and shows that some quantity of 8-D was certainly struck after the 1786 dated M 4.2-R and M 4.2-S, as well as most 1785 dated M 7.2, and probably all M 7.3-D. The exact position of 7.2 and 7.3 relative to 4.2 cannot be definitely fixed, since although we know they were certainly struck in quantity before 7.1, the lack of a direct die linkage offers no evidence that they may also not have been struck before 4.2

R. MARTIN COLLECTION
REV. "D" 8-D



The extended emission sequence may look like this:

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Dated 1786        Dated 1785

                                          7.1-D(all?)
4.2-R-->4.2-S-->7.2-D(most)-->7.2-D(some)
                 7.3-D(all?)
                   8-D(most)-->  8-D(some)
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I would be interested to hear from *CNL* patrons who have late state reverse D marriages to obverses 7.2 and 8. This information, added to Bob Lindesmith's April, 1973 article in *CNL* (TN-38), might prove interesting.

8-D

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 3, 1990

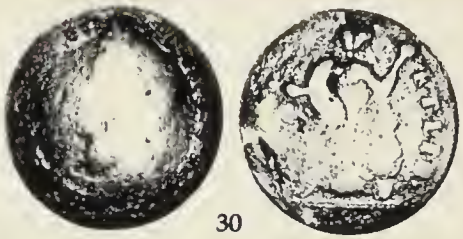
30. **1785. Miller 8-D, Breen 740. Rarity-6. Mailed Bust Left, colons in legend. 130.1 grains, 28.5mm. Fine/Very Fine,** with the usual weakness caused from the bulged obverse die. ORI and IND are gone, though all the other legends and the date are strong. The die bulge, as usual, has obscured the facial details on the obverse and some of the central drapery on the reverse. Amazingly enough, the color is an even medium brown, and the planchet is free of all but the most minute imperfections; both are highly unusual for a variety that comes on dark, porous planchets plagued with defects. One small clip at K-11 is visible only from the edge of the coin. A very choice example of a variety that Crosby thought unique; still the rarest major type of the year and in strong demand by both type and variety collectors.....$269

ROSA AMERICANA FPL # 4 SPRING, 1991

VERY RARE 1785 MILLER 8-D
Mailed Bust Left Type

30. 1785. Miller 8-D, Breen 740. Rarity-6. Mailed Bust Left, colons in legend. 128.8 grains. Fine or so, with the usual bulged obverse die resulting in CTO on the obverse and IND and the first two digits of the date on the reverse to not be struck up. The bulge is not nearly advanced as usually found, and there are still over half of the facial details and most of the central reverse drapery are visible. A couple of small planchet laminations on the reverse do not detract. Much finer than normally found, and a choice example of a variety that Crosby thought unique; still the rarest major type of the year, and in strong demand by both type and variety collectors. (PLATE).....$219

Over the past ten years, we have handled only five specimens of this rare variety.



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1785 8-D Good Overall. Phil Kalanta Coll. 1993.

MARY SAUVAIN FPL # 2 FEB, 1991

2. 1785 M8-D. AG/AG. Bust left. Smooth brown planchet. Well centered. R-6. 65.00

8-D

1785 M.8-D WHT. 142.1 GRAINS. FINE OVERALL.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION SEE LOT DESCRIPTION
EX. STACK'S "BOYD-RYDER" SALE JUNE 8, 1994 LOT#28

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1785 M.8-D
EXTREMELY FINE
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

FINEST KNOWN
8-D ch unc; 147.4 gr

8-D

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

ANOTHER CONDITION CENSUS
MILLER 8-D
THIS ONE WITH AN INCOMPARABLE PEDIGREE!

EX OECHSNER #1039

81 1785 Connecticut. Miller 8-D. High Rarity-6. 132.8 grains. From our First Price List [1989], Lot # 61, where it was plated and described as follows: "Fine, the obverse somewhat weaker due to the advanced die failures that are always seen on this variety. Struck on a dark and slightly oval planchet (28.01 x 28.41 mm) of a somewhat brassy alloy; the reverse is quite bold." Overall, the design detail is quite sharp for this difficult variety, with full mailing on the obverse bust and bold drapery detail on Liberty. The obverse is just a bit weaker than the Taylor coin, which was one of the finest offered, though the reverse is nearly the same. This coin boasts an illustrious pedigree: From the VIRGIL BRAND collection, then to WALTER BREEN, NEW NETHERLAND'S 51ST SALE and HERBERT OESCHNER. Some details stronger than the above coin, with full legends, though without the surface color and gloss of that piece. Of course, this one has one of the finest pedigrees in all of numismatics, being one of the few pieces available from the infamous New Netherland's 51st sale, which was one of the finest offerings ever.....$829

The pedigree on this coin is impressive: Ex Virgil Brand, to Walter Breen and then in New Netherlands famous 51st sale in June, 1958 where it appeared as Lot 67 and was described by Breen andJohn J. Ford, Jr. as "probably the third finest known." Purchased at that sale by Herbert Oecshner for the princely sum of $39 — a high price for any Connecticut copper in the 1950's! — and later appearing as Lot 1039 in the sale of his collection in September, 1988. It appeared on our first price list in 1989 as Lot 61 and since that time has been in the collection of Rob Retz. We are pleased to be able to reoffer this pedigreed rarity to the collecting fraternity.

ALSO ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 LOT # 124 SUMMER 1999 AT $1,199 –
ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

POSSIBLY ROSA AMERICANA FPL #3 1990 LOT # 30

A VERY CHOICE MILLER 8-D
MAILED BUST LEFT TYPE
HIGH CONDITION CENSUS

80 1785 Connecticut. Miller 8-D. High Rarity-6. 129.9 grains. Nearly Extremely Fine, a bit weakly struck at the upper left obverse and corresponding part of the reverse. The weakness affects only the ORI of the legend on the obverse and the tops of IND on the reverse; the rest of the legends are quite sharp. Very choice design details, with all of the mailing visible on the obverse effigy's bust; his face more or less obscured by the usual die swelling in this area. The reverse has a strong upper portion of the seated figure, with a full branch, nice face, hair and drapery details, though her middle section and the top of the globe and shield are weak, as struck. Gorgeous light golden brown planchet, hard and extremely glossy. There is an insignificant striation at the top of the effigy's head on the obverse and a very small area of planchet flaws [?] in the field beneath the IND; none of which detract in the least from the amazingly hard surfaces, quite unusual for the variety which is found on dark and rough planchet stock, that is when it is found at all! Recent auction records have been almost non-existent, and when offered the grade is usually quite low. The EAC '75 coin was a VF and realized $750, one of the highest prices in the entire sale; Robison's was the same grade, but was cleaned and had several planchet flaws. Taylor and Roper each had a Fine, as did Oecshner [that piece is offered in the following lot] and the Stack's January, 1992 and June, 1994 sales. Norweb's was just G/VG. We know of one or two choice specimens in private collections [including an EF/AU coin that is triple struck!], but suspect that the present piece is high in the Condition Census, possibly as high as the third finest known. In any event, it is the nicest example of the variety that we've ever owned or offered, and should be of great interest to the Connecticut copper specialist at the price of.....$879

The Miller 8 obverse die was made by the same complex hubs as those used to make the 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 obverses, with the addition of colons added by hand to the legends, thus creating a distinct and naked-eye type for the year.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

And Another Miller 8-D
One of the Most Affordable Examples We've Seen!

125. 1785 Connecticut Copper. Miller 8-D, another (!!!). 130.8 grains. Very Good or so, probably solidly in that grade level, but a bit weak as usual from the extensive obverse die failure (which surely accounts for the rarity of the variety today). This one has nearly full legends (EC is weak on the obverse as is ET on the reverse), and a very faint but mostly visible date. Decent design detail for the grade, with some mailing visible in the obverse bust and some drapery detail on the reverse figure; the branch she is holding is quite sharp. Attractive medium brown surfaces with slightly lighter devices and legends give an attractive two-tone look to the coin, and some microscopic striations on either side give a pleasing woodgrain appearance to the piece. Quite nice indeed for the grade, since most lower-grade examples of the variety seem to come dark and rough. This one, though clearly circulated, has no post-striking damage or defect. Don't let our offering of two examples in one price list fool you – this is a variety and a type that is darned rare! We were able to offer a pair on our Twelfth list, though that statement needs to be immediately qualified: one of them was the coin offered in the above lot, and the other one was the piece that was offered on our First Price List, a decade ago. While not as sharp as the above coin, this one does have good eye appeal, and is available at what can only be described as a bargain price! $499

Apparently new to the collecting fraternity, this piece was reportedly cherry-picked a couple of decades ago by noted collector Richard August, and not previously offered for sale

1786
RAHWAY, N. J. MINT

This was the legal mint established for coining "Horse Head" coppers for the State of New Jersey, from November 1786 through June 1788. It was a grist mill and sawmill owned by Assemblyman Daniel Marsh, on King's Highway at the Rahway River, then part of Elizabethtown; the exact location is at St. George's Ave. and School Street, Rahway, recently occupied by Koos Bros. Department Store, and the site is marked by a plaque erected on April 20, 1954, reading First Mint Site; a new marker reads Rahway Mint. The legal coiners, Alboin Cox (later Assayer of the U. S. Mint) and Thomas Goadsby, under their sponsor and bondsman Matthias Ogden, began coinage late in November 1786, using first Benjamin Dudley and later James F. Atlee as diecutters. They had to pay 10% of their output directly into the state treasury, or the equivalent in "lawful money" which effectively meant New Jersey paper money. Finding themselves in financial trouble from the start, they resorted the dodge of making Connecticut coppers, imitating the 1785 bust right type then common, and sending people to buy supplies in Connecticut and New York with quantities of these coins, if possible moving bags of them for Spanish or Mexican silver. The bust right coins of 1786, punched-linked with the New Jersey cents from this mint and with other early James F. Atlee dies, are correctly attributed to this mint. There was no law against the practice, and the Rahway coiners did not have to pay any tithe to either New Jersey or Connecticut on these coins. This enterprise ended about June 1, 1787 when Atlee left for Machin's Mill, and Albion Cox was arrested and put into debtor's prison on suit of his ex-partner Thomas Goadsby and Samuel Atlee, the latter one of the Machin's Mills partners, apparently for nonpayment of James Atlee for dies. Goadsby then took over the Rahway mint equipment; Matthias Ogden bailed Cox out but was unable to keep him out of debtor's prison, especially after Benjamin Dudley sued him for back wages. Ogden obtained a court order forcing Goadsby to return the mint equipment after which he, Ogden, ran the mint by himself in Elizabethtown until well into 1789; in the meantime Albion Cox had managed to get onto a boat bound for England, being persuaded with difficulty to return in 1792 as Assayer of the Mint.

We may assume that the Connecticut coins of 1786 with mailed bust right, made in Rahway, N. J., between January and May 1786, were the coins alluded to in the bill May 1786 quoted by Crosby, p. 220, as "base and Counterfeit Copper Coin . . . already imported and circulating in this State". This bill proposed to levy a fine of £10 Lawful Money per offense on anyone importing more than 50 copper coins of any kind other than genuine Connecticut coppers or any other legal state coppers or any later coins to be issued by the Confederation; it was passed by the lower house of the Connecticut Assembly, but failed to pass the state senate.

To have reached official attention of this kind, the quantity must have been considerable, probably a few tens of thousands to judge from the number of dies (4 obvs., 5 revs.). They are presumably the reason for all later **legal** Connecticuts having bust to **left**. Only one of these is readily obtainable (M. 2.1-A).

We are proud to offer six varieties here, in as fine condition as can be found anywhere.

1-A

STACK'S "W. RISE SALE" SEPT 30, 1966

587 1786 Mailed bust right. ET LIB INDE reverse. Miller 1-A. Very rough planchet but all lettering and details clear. Very Good. Scarce. (35.00) $30 -

1786 M 1-A

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

VF, BUT EDGE TO DARK FIRE

TAYLOR

2336 1786 Connecticut. M 1-A. Mailed Bust Right. 135.4 grains 145 Low Rarity-5 VF-30 to EF-40, an outstanding example, in condition close to both the Pine Tree E.A.C and Miller plate specimens. Deep golden brown, with reddish undertones on the obverse and with a medium reddish brown reverse with a crescent shaped darker area at the left border of the surface The majority of the M 1-A specimens that survive are in Very Fine or lower condition.

$330

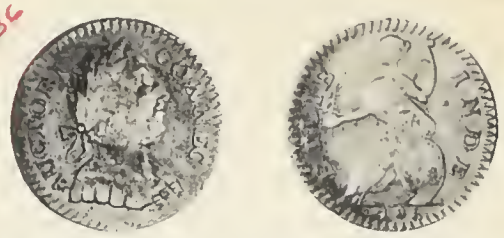
Purchased by Mr Taylor in 1945, one of the earliest additions to his collection of Connecticut coppers.

As the cataloguer of the Pine Tree E A C sale noted in his description of M 1-A the obverse bust is very different in style and feeling to the other 1786 busts In his article Legal and Illegal Connecticut Mints 1785-1789 published in *Studies on Money in Early America* (American Numismatic Society 1976) pp 111-113 Walter Breen notes that the Mailed Bust Right coins of 1786 including M 1-A 2 1-A 2 1-D 3, a specimen of each of which appears in the following lots in this sale are punch linked among each other and with the 1786 Small Date New Jersey coppers with Coulter Breen notes This satisfactorily establishes the diesinker as James F Atlee as some of these same punches reappear on his later Machin's Mills and Vermont issues Gary Trudgen has done further work on Atlee's role in various series of early American coppers in articles which have appeared periodically in *The Colonial Newsletter*

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) OCT 14-15, 1988

OUTSTANDING MILLER 1-A

SEE TAYLOR #2336



1236 1786 CONNECTICUT, Miller 1-A, Mailed Bust Right, Choice Extremely Fine. A real crowd pleaser! Excellent for centering and strike. Bold appearance with excellent detail. The surfaces are a deep golden-brown with a lot of natural luster. A great type coin that will make the new owner proud.....(550-750)

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1952

2607 1786 M 1-A. MBR. ET LIB INDE variety. Low R-5. 114.5 gns. Very Good. Deep olive brown, darker on reverse. Very granular. Touch of verdigris under first C. Usual obverse state, double chin clearly visible despite surface condition. Obverse slightly off center, but without significant effect. Usual coin turn reverse orientation (three specimens are known struck medal turn). A variety commonly found in low grades. VERY GRANULAR

60.50

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

$155

535 1786 ETLIB INDE reverse. 1-A (R-4). Mailed bust right on obverse; reverse with transposed legend ETLIB INDE. With very prominent toothed borders. A product of Capt. Thomas Machin's mint at Newburgh, N.Y. Extremely Fine, with fantastic sharpness of detail (for the variety). The hair strands on the obverse are all there, and most of the shield monograms are fully visible. Simply *incredible* condition for a Machin's Mill copper! Worth a runaway bid!

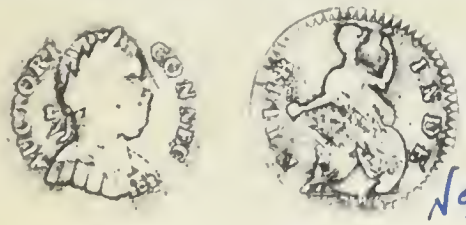
155

VLACK PLATE (1965) 1-1-A

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3184 1786 M 1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20 for sharpness, weak at center. Low Rarity-5. 115.6 grains. Die alignment: 160°. A nice coin despite some faint obverse and reverse scratches. Mostly hard tan surfaces display areas of deeper toning and some faint olive patina. A pleasing example of a scarce variety.

137.50



OK FINE SOME STRAIE

NORWEB

$220

2475 1786 Connecticut. M 1-A. VF-30. Rarity-5-. 135.0 grains. 28.0mm. 155°. Rich, golden brown. Same obverse state as Taylor: 2336, with "double chin" break beneath effigy's chin. Not quite as nice as the Taylor coin, but a representative example of the variety.

Purchased between 1913-1915.

Dana Linett's auction sale of September 1987, Lot 2088, contained a later state of these dies ably catalogued by Jeff Rock.

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA, 1990

SEE NORWEB #2475

1786 copper (Photo courtesy Bowers)

C.209. 1786 Copper: Mailed bust right, INDE ET LIB, this type struck by James F. Atlee of New York. Taylor (M 1-A) VF-30 to EF-40, $330.

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 28, 1976

20 1786 ETLIB INDE. M #1 A (R 6) The Double Chin obverse VERY FINE 30 with minor planchet drifts. Choice, slightly dark planchet. Easily condition census quality.

$190 -

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" OCT 18, 1975

486 1786. Mailed Bust Right M.1-A (R 6) Fine, obv sharper than rev Some pitting type defects of central obv. Light planchet clip visible in 6 o'clock region of obv. Dies of E A C lot 30, which specimen, a superb EF plus, realized $725 (Photo)

486

$50 -

1-A

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

FIELDS TOO BLACK ROUGH

75-
130-

Lot No 1040

OECHSNER

1040 **1786 Miller 1-A.** Mailed bust right. **(Low R-5).** "ETLIB INDE." 98.5 grains. **Fine,** slightly off-center toward left obverse. Full legends and date, full denticles on the reverse. Deep brown fields, lighter devices.
$143

Restruck Brockage

HIM, INC "PHILIPS COLL" FEB 11-12, 1983

1023 **1786.** "ETLIB INDE". M.1-A (R-4) Fine/VF. (Photo) $65-

Obverse somewhat porous and a bit flat at center since reverse is deeply impressed with incuse strike of armor and "AUCTO" of obverse legend from a brockage which was restruck, date clear, an interesting specimen

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS SALE" NOV 9-11, 1987

3013 **1786 Connecticut. M 1-A.** Low Rarity-5. F-15/VF-20. Large areas of oxidation on the obverse surface. Cleaned. Typical technical grade. $137.50

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE FEB 10, 1982

112 1786 Mailed Bust Right. M.1-A. ET LIB INDE. From our September 7, 8, 1979 sale, lot 526, described as, "An interesting variety with the 'double chin' obverse die break. Slightly off-center, with some thin scratches on both sides. **Fine.**"
$110-

STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7-8, 1979

526 **1786** Mailed Bust Right. ET LIB INDE. M.1-A (R-6). An interesting variety with the "double chin" obverse die break. Slightly off-center, with some thin scratches on both sides. Fine. $110-

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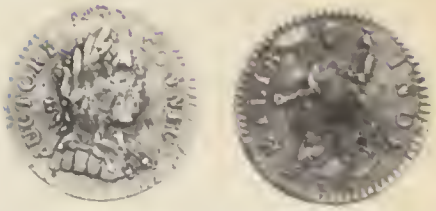
STACK'S "AUCTION SALE" DEC 3, 1971



62 1786 Miller 1-A. **ET LIB INDE** type. Not rare, but scarce and popular. Though sharply struck and well centered, it is on a slightly defective planchet. Very little wear is evident. Full details of the branch and most of the shield. Some of the obverse denticles are weak, but they are all there The reverse denticles are sharp, as well as the date, etc. Very Fine. A lovely light brown, but with some black staining in the central portions of obverse and reverse. Ex Yale Collection. **PLATE**
$85-

STACK'S "AUCTION SALE" DEC 3, 1971

63 1786 Miller 1-A. **ET LIB INDE.** A duplicate. Well centered and well struck, but on a somewhat granular planchet, with a tiny flake out at 12 o'clock on the obverse, and a small dig under A. Full date and legends, etc. Fine. Light and dark brown. Ex Yale Collection.
$47.50

L. MERKIN SALE' MARCH 15, 1967

39 CONNECTICUT. 1786. (Rahway, N.J. mint?) Large rude bust r. with double chin. Rev., tall std. fig. on globe, 3 grapevines on shield. ETLIB INDE Miller 1-A. For the coin, VF, minor central weakness; excellent planchet like some of those used on the earlier 1786 N.J. coppers. Letter punches and numerals are proof that the dies were by James F. Atlee while he was producing dies for the Rahway, N. J. mint. Rare, unusually choice and seldom available in any grade.

1-A

STACK'S D. GROVES SALE" NOV 12, 1974

350 1786 Connecticut. Miller 1-A. Rarity 4. Bust with double chin and the popular
$45 ET LIB INDE reverse. A very well centered coin, on a porous planchet, with full date, etc. Light brown. Fine.

L. MERKIN SALE' FEB 12, 1972

10 — 1786 Large bust r., ETLIB INDE. M.1–A. Fine for the coin, weak in centers as always; granular patina but no nicks or scratches. Rare, and above Good this is very rare.

BOWER'S 'NEWPORT COLL' JAN 30, 1975

35 1786 Connecticut. Miller 1-A. With reverse legend transposed as
20 ETLIB INDE. A Machin's Mill product. Very Good. Scarce.

SEE McCAWLEY "CH GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT #120

BOWER'S 'ERZA COLE SALE' JAN 23-25, 1986

TO DAVE MENCHELL

1187 1786 Connecticut. Miller 1-A. As preceding. 132.0 grains. Very
121 Fine-20. Obverse with some planchet fissures as made. Medium brown surface with light porosity. Quite well defined for the issue.

Very Good $39.00;

1-A RCR #12. SEPT, 1971.....

BOWER'S RCR #14 APR, 1972

1786 1-A (R-4). ETLIB INDE. Mailed bust facing right. "Rudely cut die with heavy features and double chin. Ribbon bow with long, coarse ribbon ends. Sometimes struck on light planchets" notes Miller. One of the most distinctive-appearing Connecticut cents of this year, 1-A is a product of Machin's Mill. As on many (but not all) Machin issues, the legends are transposed. Good $25.00; F-VF $109.00; Very Fine 125.00

$247.50

KAGIN'S '1993 ANA SALE' AUG 16-20, 1993

69 1786 M.1-A. Originally an R-4, Breen and Bamsley raised to R-6. VF. Inferior to EAC Lot 30 and to Vlack, but about equivalent to Taxay plate. Some small pen-scratches in obverse field, reverse center weak due to planchet. Important ETLIB INDE type piece.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1786 Connecticut Cents RCR #7

1786 ETLIB INDE. 1-A. (R-1). ~~Good $25.00~~. VG SEPT, 1970 . . 39.00

BOWER'S 'G. HETRICH SALE' JAN 28-30, 1982

LOT #
599 1786 M-1-A. Machin's Mills issue with small head right. Fine to Very Fine, but holed and plugged — a situation which is scarcely noticeable. Rare and highly desired issue otherwise;

1 OF 5 PIECES

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE, NOV 14, 1990

5654 Pair of 1786 M 1-A. Rarity-5–. Both with the usual obverse "double chin" break: ☆ F-15. Mint made obverse cut; reverse rim nick. 121.0 grains. Reverse off center. Later than Taylor:2336 on obverse, with additional breaks in right field on cheek; reverse equivalent to the Taylor coin ☆ VG-10, porous. Minor clip. 89.4 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2336.

275.00

There is some evidence that 1786 M 1-A conceals two separate emissions. One is on light-weight (under 100.0 grains) narrow (about 27.3 mm diameter) flans, struck from dies oriented medal turn; while the other was struck on heavier, broader flans, from dies aligned coin turn.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

DARK

148.50

5653 1786 M 1-A. Rarity-5–. F-15. 97.0 grains. Deep gray-brown. Both surfaces pitted. States equivalent to Taylor:2336, with a pronounced "double chin" obverse break. Popular, "type" coin.

BOWER'S 'FRONTENAC SALE' NOV 20, 1991

328 Date set of scarce Connecticut copper varieties: ☆ ~~1785 M 5-F.5 Rarity-4. VF-20, some light scratches. 129.6 grains~~ ☆ 1786 M 1-A. Rarity-5–. F-12, porous. Obverse clipped at 11:00. 70.5 grains, lowest weight recorded by the present writer ☆ ~~1787 M 34 B.1. Rarity 5. ET LIB variety. F-15 to VF-20. 151.8 grains~~ ☆ ~~1788 M 3 B.1. Rarity 5. F-15, scratched. 113.1 grains. Overstruck on a 1785 Constellatio Nova copper.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

350.00

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

32. 1786. Miller 1-A, another. 70.5 grains. Very Good, microscopically granular. AUCT and the N of INDE are weak; all other legends and most of the date are sharp. Pleasing light brown surfaces, free of any major defects. A most acceptable example of this scarce variety.....$129

Extraordinarily lightweight, this piece tips the scales at less than half of the statutory weight for genuine Connecticut coppers!

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.1-A
VERY FINE (NICE VF 20)

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

1-A	1786	VF-/VF-	R5	"Die groove" both sides
1-A	1786	F-/F-	R5	"Die Groove" on reverse
1-A	1786	VF-/VF-	R5	Porous, rough, thin planchet
1-A	1786	VF-/VF-	R5	Verdigris spots both sides
1-A	1786	F+/F+	R5	Double struck. Cleaned
1-A	178[illegible]	F/[illegible]	R5	[illegible]
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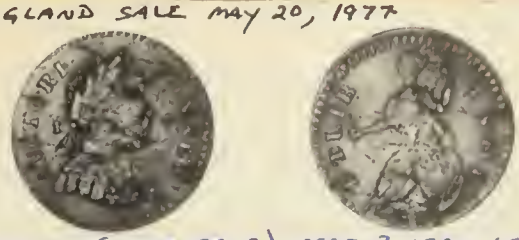
1-A

NEW ENGLAND SALE MAY 20, 1977



SEE SAN DIEGO (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990 LOT # 2392

2 1786 Connecticut Copper. I TLIB INDL. M #1-A. R-6. The Double Chin obverse. EXTREMELY FINE 40. dark brown. Minor planchet drifts. One of the finest known of this variety.
$165

TAXAY PLATE (1976)

C162

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1-A 5192 (5) GOOD 5
9449 (6) GOOD 6
9450 (12) FINE 12

ANA MUSEUM, 1989
1786 Copper VG 8.55g 135° Miller 1-A (R4)

SUPERIOR ADAMS & MACMILLAN COLL'S. OCT 11, 1992
23 1786. Connecticut Cent. Miller 1-A. Rarity-5. Good 4.
$44.00

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985 SEE COLOR PHOTO
1) 1786 M.1-A Extremely Fine detail with some light obverse and reverse porosity at centers. Light and medium tan color. -C

1786 M 1-A

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991
HESSBERG 1786 COINAGE CHISEL MARKS
1346 1786 Miller 1-A (Low R-5). 121 grains. Mailed bust right, tall round head on skinny neck, unusual planchet configuration makes obverse legend weak, reverse E TLIB and sawtooth border bold. Possible Machin's Mill issue, light tan-brown, four chisel marks on obverse. ~~Fine~~. VG.
110.00

NEW NETHERLAND'S 42nd SALE OCT 23, 1953
380 1786. Large mailed bust r. Rev. ETLIB INDE. M 1-A (R-4). Curiously double struck with two distinct dates.
Abt. Fine, the first with a slight attempted obverse puncture. Interesting and valuable. 2 Pcs. 3.00 OTHER 5.3 -N ABT-FINE

MARIS PLATE (1875)

1786.M.1-A "Double Struck" Obverse Brockage. First struck as an obverse brockage; than struck normal. Extremely thin and lightweight flan; weight is only 75.4 grains, which is the lightest weight Connecticut I've encountered. Sharpness of very fine on a relatively smooth dark steel brown planchet.
VIA DAVID SONDERMAN JAN, 1979. R. MARTIN COLLECTION

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPLMS SUMMER, 1991
17. 1786 Miller 1-A, the "Double Chin" variety. Very Good, lightly granular. Most legends visible. A pleasing, problem-free example of this distinct type coin.....$79

1-A

BOWER'S N.Y. PUBLIC LIBRARY SALE OCT 30, 1982

2058 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 1-A (R-6).** Mailed bust right ETLIB INDE
4242 Fine, attractive golden brown.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

941 **1786 M.1-A. MBR.** ET LIB INDE. Low Rarity 5. Fine.
75 – 83.3 gns. Orange-brown. Both surfaces very granular.
200 – Obverse slightly off center to the left but AUCTORI on
220 00 flan. Full obverse "goiter" break; reverse perfect. An example of the lightweight issue of this variety, with reverse aligned "medal turn."

The present writer published findings that there were two separate emissions hidden in Miller 1-A, struck on light and heavier planchet stock. A full century earlier Dr. Hall had noted the same observation and recorded it in his ledger! It is probable that many "new" discoveries about Connecticut coppers are really only re-discoveries of old, unpublished ones!

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C-4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

1786 MILLER 1-A ET LIB INDE

EX. BOWER'S "ERZA COLE SALE" JAN 23, 1986
LOT # 1187 (PLATE)
AT $121 00

360 –
410 –
451 00

120. M3 1786 CONNECTICUT M.1-A MBR (Low R-5) VF25 132.0 gns. The Red Book 1786 ETLIB INDE type. Dark olive brown. Other than for some thin striations across the obverse bust the surfaces appear relatively smooth despite some shallow micro pitting on either side. Dentilation is complete on both sides and the date is full. This variety is most frequently encountered in lower grades. Even the finest known examples, such as the 1975 EAC coin called "Better than Extremely Fine", show weak central detail on both sides. Reverse rotated 315 degrees.

DAVID SONDERMAN PRIVATELY JAN, 1980 WHT. 139.3 GRAINS
1786 M.B.R. 1-1-A. BASICALLY VERY FINE (18-20). CENTERS WEAK. PLEASING LIGHT BROWN. ADVANCED DOUBLE CHIN BREAK
· R. MARTIN TO D. MENCHELL 6-1-88

MIKE RINGO LIST NOV, 1986

1786 Bust Right, ETLIB INDE reverse, M.1-A. Very Fine, dark olive-brown planchet with a few light obverse striations. Well centered with full date and legends. and most of the denticles sharp and clear..... 250.00

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

15 ~~1785 African Head. Miller 4.1-F4~~; 1786 ET LIB INDE, Miller 1-A. Very Good. The latter with
121 – severe scratching in the field. 2 pieces.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST SEPT, 1982 WHT. 130.4 GRAINS

17 1786 Mailed Bust Right, M.1-A, ET LIB INDE. The "Double-chin" variety, so called because of the die defect. Choice Very Fine, though about as sharp as the Garrett specimen, lot 1341, graded Extremely Fine. Probably struck at Machin's Mill. Smooth surfaces in shades of light and dark brown. A very difficult type to locate in this condition .TO R. MARTIN - T. GOUDGE..... 225.00

1-A

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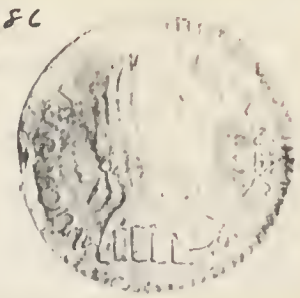
Figure 7: 1786 Larger Round Head Right with Double Chin, Miller 1-A, also from the Rahway mint. The double chin is from a die break. Illustrated specimen weighs 135.0 grains.



MILLER PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-29, 1920

1828 1786. Head r. AUCTORI CONNEC (no punctuation). Rx. Liberty to left, ET LIB INDE ,no punctuation) C-1-A Rarity 4. Fine, glossy brown. .Plate. 2.00

1829 Another. Very good. Rarity 4. .60

2087 1786. 1--A. ET LIB INDE. R.4 (2).G.&VG. 2 pcs. .27

2089 1786. C. 1--A ~~and 2--A, also 4-G~~. G. to Abt. F. 3 pcs. .38

STACK'S SALE FEB 1-2, 1980

496 ~~CONNECTICUT.~~ 1786 Cent. Miller 1-A. The rare ET LIB INDE reverse. Fine; ~~1787 Cent. Miller 2-B. Mailed bust left. Good; MASSACHUSETTS. 1787 Cent. Ryder 1-G. Very Good.~~ 3 pieces.

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990
D. LINNETT

SEE NEW ENGLAND SALE MAY 20, 1977 LOT # 1786

561

2392 1786 Cent, Miller 1-A, Breen-742, Mailed Bust Right, ANACS Certified-Extremely Fine. (Rarity-5). Certificate mentions "striated planchet", however, these appear to be very light, faint, cooling fissures on the extreme surface of the planchet and very minor in nature. This coin is overall, finer than the Norweb and Taylor specimens and is remarkably well struck with a sharp date and devices. It is medium to dark brown in coloration with a wonderful overall appearance. Certainly a condition census example. (500-750)

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

30 **1786 M.1-A. MBR.** Low R-5. Very Fine, a bit rough in the centers, reverse scratched. 131.0 gns. Light olive brown. Reverse off center to the bottom, as often seen, but the date still present. Full obverse "goiter", break in right field under first N; reverse appears perfect.

180 / 350 / 385

From S.H. & H. Chapman's December 16, 1901 sale. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot, graded "Very good" and called "Light olive". JIM GOODGE

1786: DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

1-A, R-4, Large Bust Facing Right, ETLIB INDE, Choice Very Fine+, a few old pin scatches are hardly seen. Nice. 495.

1-A, R-4, another as above, Fine/VF..... 250.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2100 **1786 M.1-A. MBR.** Strong Fine. Low Rarity 5. 135.3 grains. Usual orange and dark brown. Surfaces uniformly granular. Obverse "goiter" break, reverse perfect.

100 / 190 / 209

There are two different emissions hidden among 1786 1-A. The first is on lightweight flans with reverses oriented at medal turn; the second, as here, is on heavier flans oriented at coin turn.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

109 **1786 M.1-A. MBR.** Low R-5 (traditional and vastly overrated, probably really R-3 at best). Strong Fine. 135.3 gns. Usual orange and dark brown. Surfaces uniformly granular. Obverse "goiter" break; reverse perfect.

180 / 180 / 198

From our March 18, 1993 sale, lot 2100

1-A

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(1) DOUBLE CHIN, Miller Obverse 1 of 1786

Early Die State
BARNSLEY COLLECTION

Late Die State
BARNSLEY COLLECTION

In 1859 Dickeson gave a picturesque description of this die as follows: "The effigy presents a very ludicrous appearance, all natural lines of the human form having apparently been disregarded. The chin is double, the lower portion being offensively square, and the eye a mere round dot, regardless of proportion." Both Crosby and Miller repeat that the die was rudely cut, and the bust had "heavy features and a double chin". However, it was not until recent years that the die became specifically known by the name Double Chin, as witness, for example, the Stack auction catalog of December 14, 1963 (Lot No. 335). It should be noted that the above descriptions apply only to late strikings of the die, after the nose had sunk completely from the profile of the face. The accompanying illustration of an early striking shows how the break started out as a small flake below the lower jaw at its intersection with the neck line, and then it developed into a massive lump which does indeed resemble a double chin, "the lower portion being offensively square".

GARY TRUDGEN ?

Connecticut 1-A of 1786

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

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CHOICE 1786 MILLER 1-A

31. **1786. Miller 1-A. Low Rarity-5. Mailed Bust Right, "Double Chin" obverse, ETLIB INDE reverse. 121.0 grains. About Very Fine.** Well struck, with full legends and date [quite unusual]. The planchet is a warm chocolate brown, completely free of the granularity that is almost always found on the variety; there is one small mint made cut on the obverse, though it quite old and well hidden by the toning. Late die state; in addition to the "Double Chin" diebreak on the obverse there are additional die breaks and bulges on the effigy's cheek and in the right field. This variety was not in the Roper or Picker holdings. The present example is much nicer than the Oechsner specimen, and quite close to the Norweb coin. Close to Condition Census; Breen calls the variety "Rare" and notes that it is "usually in low grades." All in all, a choice example of this legitimately rare variety and popular type coin; expect strong interest in this! **(PLATE)**.....$249

The only better examples to appear in the last three decades are:

1) Cole [Bowers and Merena 1/86]: 1186, AU+, weak centers, late die state. The finest known example of the variety.
2) EAC '75: 30, EF+, weak centers. Ex Stepney Hoard.
3) Miller: 1828-Garrett: 1341, EF, weak.
4) Bowers and Ruddy 10/76: 535, Extremely Fine. Probably the coin in EAN's Summer 1990 list, Lot 364, though not noted as such.
5) Taylor: 2236, VF+.
6) Norweb: 2475, VF.
7) Stack's 12/71: 62, VF, defective planchet.
8) Kagin's 8/83: 69, VF.

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STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

33 1786 M.1-A. MBR. R-5- (traditional, probably R-4+). Strong Very Fine. 135.4 gns. Interesting, rich golden tobacco brown with some darker brown obverse areas and a deep brown-black band around the left reverse rim. Several shallow linear flaws in upper right obverse field, some verging on being laminations. Once cleaned and recolored, old obverse pin scratches visible. This was the **Taylor coin**, lot 2336, and had been purchased by him in 1945. Usual obverse "double chin" break visible, small rust cud below shoulder, otherwise the dies are perfect. STRONG VF, RIMS DARK

Ex Frederick B. Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 26, 1987, lot 2336); later, to EAN (September 1987, lot 2088).

Mention was made in the Taylor catalog description of the role of James F. Atlee in the making of the M.1-A dies. That comment was written long before it became clear that no evidence, whatsoever, survives that establishes James Atlee as anything other than a middle level businessman who came to America to make his fortune. The rest of his life, and almost all of his activities in it, remain obscure.

We have seen 26 specimens of this combination and suggest that the true rarity rating lies somewhat lower than the traditional R-5-. EX TAYLOR #2336

BOWER'S "FRED & WARD COLL'S" NOV 13-14, 1995

3021 1786 M 1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG for sharpness. High Rarity-4 118.5 grains. Die alignment: 165°. Medium to deep tan. Faint areas of porosity and some old scratches noted.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

AN EXTREMELY CHOICE MILLER 1-A
The "Double Chin" Obverse

82 1786 Connecticut. Miller 1-A, Large Head, Mailed Bust Right, ETLIB INDE reverse. Low Rarity-5. 121.1 grains. Very Fine. From our Fourth Price List [1991] where it appeared as Lot 31 and was described as follows: "Well struck, with full legends and date [quite unusual]. The planchet is a warm choclate brown, completely free of the granularity that is almost always found on the variety; there is one small mint made cut on the obverse, though it is quite old and well hidden by the toning. Late die state; in addition to the 'Double Chin' diebreak on the obverse there are additional diebreaks and bulges on the effigy's cheek and in the right field. The variety was not in the Roper or Picker holdings. The present example is much nicer than the Oecshner specimen, and quite close to the Norweb coin. Close to the Condition Census; Breen calls the variety 'Rare' and notes that it is 'usually seen in low grades.' All in all, a choice example of this legitimately rare variety and popular type coin; expect strong interes in this!" We listed a tentative Condition Census in that price list, from the AU Cole coin to EF's in Garrett, EAC '75 and Turoff and ending with VF's in Taylor and Norweb. Nothing nicer has appeared for sale since this piece was offered half a decade ago, and it remains the finest example of this rare variety and unique type coin that we have yet had the privilege to handle.....$599

From the Rob Retz collection of Connecticut coppers.

Walter Breen noted, in his article in Studies on Money in Early America, that this variety, along with 1786 Miller 2 1-A and 2 1-D.3 are punch linked with the 1786 small date New Jersey coppers [the varieties with a coulter] and that "this satisfactonly establishes the diesinker as James F. Atlee, as some of these same punches reappear on his later Machin's Mills and Vermont issues."

1-A

1786 1-A ANS ASCENSION 1931 SEE ANS JAN 1985 DESC.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

83 1786 Connecticut. Miller 1-A, another example of the Large Head/ETLIB INDE type. 128.6 grains. Nearly Very Fine in terms of strike and wear received. The legends are full, though due to centering the date is off the planchet, typical for the variety. Medium brown surfaces, slightly rough and a little dull, but without any major post-striking problems such as dents or scratches. A pleasing example of this rare variety, and quite inexpensive at just.....$129

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

THE RARE MILLER 1-A
Large Head Type

107 1786 Connecticut. Miller 1-A, Large Head, Mailed Bust Right / ETLIB INDE type. Low Rarity-5. 121.4 grains. Very Fine, the sharpness high in that grade range. Well struck, with full legends. Slightly off center towards K-9, causing the legends on the left part of either side to be tight against the edge of the planchet, though there is no loss. The micro date, unique to this reverse die, is full and as sharp as we've ever seen, quite unusual for the issue. Because of the off-center strike, the right side of the coin has a full set of denticles, and you can even see the edge of the die from roughly K-1 to K-6 on either side, the first we've seen on this variety. Medium brown surfaces that have light, shallow, but even micro pitting on either side, which is pretty much the norm for the variety. A major type coin in the series, and one that is hardly ever seen nicer [indeed, the average grade for the variety seems to hover around the VG level]. Overall, an extremely sharp example, some details nicer than the Choice VF piece offered in the recent C4 sale [which sold for $451 in heated competition], and with good color and nice eye appeal.....$279

Reverse die is rotated 340 degrees. We have other records of reverse rotations of 90, 145, 270, 315, and 325 degrees, suggesting that one or both dies were not securely fastened in the coinage press and jiggled slightly during the striking or ejection process.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING, 1996

108 1786 Connecticut. Miller 1-A, another example of the Large Head, Mailed Bust Right / ETLIB INDE type. 93.9 grains. Choice Fine, many details closer to a full VF level such as the finer intricacies of the mailing on the obverse bust. The legends are sharp and complete except for parts of AUCT which are faint. The tiny date is sharp and full. Light brown color, the surfaces evenly matte-like, as usual for the 1786 Mailed Bust varieties [especially Miller 1-A and 2.1-A], though there are no detracting marks or defects which makes for an extremely attractive example of this rare issue [although its rarity rating has dropped from a Low 6 to a Low 5, we note that most of the newly discovered examples are in low grades and usually rough]. Typical later die state, with the die crumbling around the obverse effigy's chin [giving it the appearance of a double chin], and regrinding affecting the bridge of the nose. A pleasing example of this naked-eye type coin.....$229

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

31 **1786. M. 2.–1–A.** R–3. Smaller round head, AUCTORI · · CONNEC Rev. As preceding; dies aligned bookwise, 180° from normal. **Better than Very Fine,** light tan with darker mottlings; comparatively bold strike except in very centers. All three grapevines show, managing to look like $ marks, but 1 of date is very weak. Minor obv. edge nick, no other defect worth mention. **When a 1786 mailed bust right coin is offered, this is almost always the variety; but most survivors are in Fair to VG. Apparently high in the Condition Census;** finer than the Miller Plate coin, or the Boyd piece in New Netherlands 60th sale (originally from that firm's 51st sale), and considerably superior to the Richardson–Bryant piece in Stack's Feb. 1973 sale, also called VF. Totally outclasses the Appleton–MHS (1970) coin, "VF" pictured in the Red Book. **(Photo) ($150.–200.)** $260

These were made by the New Jersey coiners as a profitable sideline, on which they would not have to pay tithes to either New Jersey or Connecticut, but evidently the dies did not last long. $260

'EAC'75'

31

PINE TREE FEB 15, 1975 EAC'75

328 **1786.** M. 2.1–A. R–3. Smaller round head, centered dots after 1 and C; ETLIB INDE as above, dies aligned 180° from normal as on preceding lot. **Very Fine, bold,** dark brown with lighter flashes; struck on the usual granular flan with central striations (plainest on rev.), bold except in centers, two of the three grapevines on shield visible. Comparable in sharpness, though not in surface, to lot 31; similar to the Miller plate coin, and **probably belongs next to it in the Condition Census,** Ex R. Picker, May 1969. **(Photo)** $200 **($150.–200.)** $200

EAC'75

328

2.1-A

1786 M 2.1-A Condition Census

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TINY, HARDLY NOTICEABLE PIN SCRATCHES OBV. FIELDS NOT IMP.

OR ABT XF40 VF35 OVERALL

MED BROWN

$412.50

STRIKE OK

TAYLOR

2337 **1786 Connecticut. M 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right.** 100.4 grains. 300 Rarity-3. **EF-40,** certainly within Condition Census for the variety, as the majority are Fine or lower in grade. Comparable in quality to the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen, with more detailing on the reverse, superior to the Stack's M.H.S. (1970) example, and in the cataloguer's opinion nicer than the Stack's Roper (1983) example. Struck on a thin, lightweight planchet, as usually found. Smooth, medium golden brown surfaces free from porosity or flaws. Some modern scratches on the obverse. All three "grape vines" plain on the reverse shield. Dies aligned "medal turn," as the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen.

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2338 **1786 Connecticut. M 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right.** 97.1 grains. 300 Rarity-3. F-12. A second example, in the typical condition in which these are usually found. Both surfaces quite porous, with attendant softening of detail. Miss Liberty's head unusually sharply struck, with individual hairlines and outline of the nose, mouth and eyes. Struck on an even thinner, lighter weight planchet than the preceding specimen, almost half the statutory weight for the series. STRIATIONS $66

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

$375

536 **1786 ETLIB INDE reverse. 2.1-A (R-3). Another Machin's Mill product.** EF-AU or even better from a *wear* viewpoint, less from an *appearance* viewpoint, for this issue was originally indistinctly struck with virtually no detail at the centers. The periphery does have excellent detail, including the shield monograms. Another really *fantastic* Connecticut copper! 375

STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

ROPER

375 375

XF DETAIL BIT DARK

OVER →

SEE BOWERS SALE 9-13-88 " " " 6-12-89

Lot No. 230

230 **1786 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 2.1-A. 102.8 grains. A scarcer variety, and the ETLIB INDE reverse type. Always struck on a thinner planchet such as here, but this shows particularly nice detail in the centers. All three grapevines are visible, and everything else but the 1 in the date is struck up. Light even wear on a pleasing medium brown planchet. **Very Fine.** $412.50

STACK'S "MASS HIST. SOC" OCT 23, 1970 (1978) MHS

125 **1786 Miller 2.1-A** Very Fine. Rarity 3. THE RED BOOK PLATE COIN illustrating the ET-LIB INDE variety (Page 28). Not rare but very popular as an interesting type. A lovely specimen. Despite the bend in the coin it was evidently the best that the Red Book could find to illustrate. A nice dark brown, with all details sharp. **PLATE** $52.50

125

2.1-A

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" OCT 18, 1975

487 **1786.** Mailed Bust Right. **M.2.1-A** (R-3). **Fine,** usual granular planchet and unevenly struck. The VF example lot 31 in our E.A.C. sale, sold for $260. $60 —

BOWER'S NORWEB II SALE MARCH 25, 1988

FINE + OVERALL

$165 —

NORWEB

2476 **1786 Connecticut. M 2.1-A.** VF-20. Rarity-3. 85.5 grains. 27.8mm. 335 Deep golden brown obverse, darker reverse. Usual thin, lightweight planchet. All known are struck with this die alignment. *Purchased between 1913-1915.*

BOWERS "MANN-SMEDLEY" SEPT 13-14, 1988

EX. ROPER

GOOD DETAIL

550-750 —

BIT TOO DARK

EX STACK'S "ROPER COLL" LOT # 280 DEC 7, 1983 AT $402.50

3055 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 2.1-A. VF-35.** Rarity-3. 102.7 grains. Attractive, fairly smooth fields against which the devices and legends stand out quite nicely. Almost full Connecticut state arms on the reverse shield. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2337. Customary "medal turn" die alignment.

$825 —

BOWERS "SPRINGFIELD" DEC 15-18, 1981

BOWER'S RCR # 12 SEPT 1971

5008 **1786 Connecticut. Mailed bust right, small head; ETLIB INDE. Miller 2.1-A (R-3).** Dies aligned medal fashion (180 degrees away from coin alignment), as evidently on all of this variety. **Where struck up at all this is close to Mint State,** but the design simply did not impress in the centers, and the original planchet granularity can be seen. An overall grade of Ex. Fine would be too conservative; far better than 1975 EAC sale, Lot 31, apparently **one of the top two or three known** of this famous type. $500 —

Note: Dies by James F. Atlee, and known to have been struck at the Rahway, N.J. mint in the first part of 1786, as a profitable sideline to this operation's legal minting of New Jersey coppers. Four obverse and five reverse dies were used, but this is the only obtainable variety in decent condition; the others being R-6 or R-7.

1786 ETLIB INDE. Mailed bust right. 2.1-A (R-3). Very Good $39.00; Extremely Fine, with all details (including monograms on shield) sharp. Well struck and well centered on a perfect planchet. A prize! 229.00

EX. ROPER

200-425 —

VF (35-40) DETAIL TOO DARK

BROWER'S 'BROOKS COLL' JUNE 12, 1989

2027 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 2.1-A.** VF-35. 102.7 grains. Dark olive brown. Fairly well struck with detail visible on the effigy's chest and three full vine leaves on the reverse shield. First numeral of the date not struck up, as usually seen.

$467.50

From our sale of the Mann and Smedley collections, September 1988, Lot 3055.

150-650 —

OECHSNER

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

XF 40 MOTTLED OLIVE & BROWN

R. MARTIN

Lot No. 1041

1041 **1786 Miller 2.1-A.** Mailed bust right. "ETLIB INDE." 94.6 grains. **Extremely Fine,** weak strike on the main devices, but the date, legends and reverse denticles are full. Glossy surfaces, mixed olive and walnut toning.

$715 —

KAGIN'S 339TH SALE AUG 16, 1985

82 **1786 Connecticut Cent Head Right Miller 2.1-A.** A scarce type, as are most from 1786. **Very Fine;** surfaces are a little rough but not porous. It is just a trifle weaker than the piece offered as First Coin Investors(FCI) EAC Sale of 1975, Lot 31.

$138 —

HERITAGE SALE MAY 18-19, 1984

LOT # 1822 ~~(4) Connecticuts.~~ 1786 M.B.R. Miller 2.1-A. (R-3). Good-6, reverse scratch.

1 OF 13 PIECES

STACK'S NORMAN BRYANT" FEB 2, 1973

SEE ROBISON SALE FEB 10, 1982

SEE STACK'S SALE 1/14/92 # 207

Lot No.

(8) 1786 Connecticut. Miller 2.1-A. Rarity-3. Very Fine. The ever popular ET LIB INDE variety. Perfectly centered and sharply struck. A pleasant light brown. An excellent [illegible] Ex John M. Richardson. $170 —

2.1-A

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER SELIAL NO # 74 SEPT, 1986
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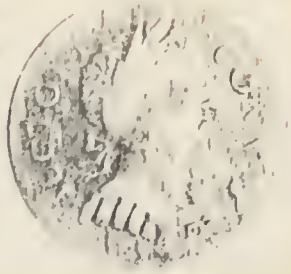


Figure 6: 1786 Small Round Head Right, Miller 2.1-A, from the Rahway, New Jersey, mint; dies by James F. Atlee. Illustrated specimen weighs 96.8 grains.

MILLER PLATE

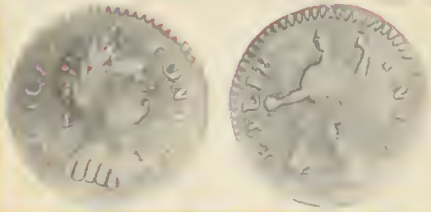
OBV. 2

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1830 1786. Similar types. C. 2-A. Fine. Rare (R 4). 1.50
1831 Another, Abt. fine. Rarity 4. .65
2088 1786. C. 2-A. ET LIB INDE R. 3 VGood. .35
2089 1786. C. ~~1-A and~~ 2- A, ~~also 4-G.~~ G. to Abt. F. 3 pcs. .38

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

RED BOOK PLATE COIN (1989) → D. LINNETT RED BOOK PLATE COIN MILLER 2.1-A 1786 ET LIB INDE (1989) D. LINNETT



$1,292.50

2393 1786 Cent, Miller 2.1-A, Breen-743, ANACS Certified-Extremely Fine. This is the famous Red Book plate specimen, found on page 37 as an example of the 1786 ET LIB INDE variety. An outstanding, choice specimen for this variety, which is a Rarity-3. Certainly condition census and the finest of the variety which was able to be located for Red Book purposes. Better overall, than virtually any specimen we have been able to trace. The centering is above average with smooth medium brown surfaces with some reddish undertones. A really nice coin, certain to excite the collector, with a most historic and documented position in numismatics today ..... (8[illegible])

RED BOOK PLATE (1978)

MHS SPECIMEN

← SEE ROCK'S LIST # 1 FEB, 1989 LOT # 62

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1075 1786 Connecticut copper. M 2.1-A. Rarity-3. VF-20 to 30. 102.5 grains. Gray-brown and black. Struck on a somewhat striated planchet. Popular ETLIB INDE reverse type. FAIR

88 ROCK LIST $159

→ It has been said that the 1786 Connecticut varieties 1-A, 2.1-A, and 2.1-D.3 are punch linked with 1786 Small Date New Jersey coppers. This belief, however, has not been tested by photographic overlay analytical techniques as yet. It should be noted, for example, that the distinctive broken A, commonly called an Atlee punch, does not appear on the obverse of the present Connecticut die.

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1152 1786 Connecticut copper. M 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. 96.9 grains. Rarity-3. VG-8. Pale gray-brown. Very granular surfaces. Miller number painted in white and yellow ink in the left obverse field, traces of adhesive on both sides. A distinctive "sub-type" in the 1786 Connecticut series, a very small and naively-drawn head. Die states equivalent to Taylor 2337 and 2338. Dies aligned roughly medallic turn, as expected.

71.50

Ex Hays, U.S. Coin Co. (Wayte Raymond). Tickets accompany this lot. Called "Fair" by Hays.

BOWER'S CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5655 1786 M 2.1-A. Rarity-3. VF-20, heavy striations on both sides. Nice, even olive color. 91.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2337.

137.50

Ex Harmer Rooke/Million Dollar Sale (5/70):6107.

D. LINETT LIST FEB, 1990

44 1786 CT Cent, Miller 2.1-A, ANACS Certified-Very Fine. Certificate states "cleaned", however, this coin has retoned to a nearly perfect medium tan in color. A lovely coin with no major defects, well centered and pleasing appearance. $365

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

405 1786, CONNECTICUT, M 2.1-A, Mailed Bust Right, R-3, Very Good. Medium brown with a clear date and only a few faint obverse hairlines..... (75.95)

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D. LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

2.1-A, R-3, Choice Very Fine? ETLIB INDE. 295.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5656 Pair of 1786 Bust Right and Bust Left "types" M 2.1-A. Rarity 3. VF 20, flawed on both sides. 104.1 grains. States equivalent to Taylor 2337 & ~~M 1.1-G. Rarity 2. VF 20, old reverse scratch. 148.6 grains. States equivalent to Taylor 2346~~ (Total. 2 pieces) 1 OF 2

110.00

The first ex Harmer Rooke/Million Dollar Sale (5/70):6108

2.1-A

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(6) ROUND HEAD, Miller Obv. ~~1.2~~ 2.1 of ~~1787~~ 1786

BARNSLEY COLLECTION

In 1859 Dickeson said that this die "Bears the appellation of the round head, the features being quite small and delicately proportioned. The hair is brought out artistically, and the wreath around the head is well arranged." Neither Crosby nor Miller, however, continued to apply the nickname Round Head to this die.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FILES SUMMER, 1991

18. 1786 Miller 2.1-A, the "Small Head" variety. Sharp Very Fine, with full legends and date. There are a few light striations on either side [a fate that seems typical to the majority of the variety]; attractive chocolate brown. Much nicer than the Norweb coin, or that offered on our last price list. One of the most pleasing examples of this scarce Machin's Mills issue that we've ever seen--call quickly on this one!.....$189

M.R.R.C.A. EAC '91 "MIDNIGHT SALE" APRIL 28, 1991

Lot 3: 1786 Connecticut, Miller 2.1-A. Thin flan, dies rotated 30 degrees. Very Good or better, centers weak as usual, some details nearer Fine; surfaces smooth, dark with lighter highlights. Unusually problem-free for the grade. **50/130, Mituzas**

There is no truth to the rumor that a young Bob Vlack posed for this coin, and we really wish collectors would stop referring to it as the "Vlack Head" variety.

J. D. KING MAY, 1973 TO R. MARTIN TO D. MITUZAS 4/19/87
1786 M.B.R. 2.1-A - VERY GOOD, NICE LIGHT BROWN COLOR & PLANCHET.
DIES ALIGNED BOOKWISE 180° FROM NORMAL. WHT: 96.6

DAVID SONDERMAN PRIVATELY JAN, 1979 TO R. MARTIN TO R. GEARY 4/25/86
1786 M.B.R. 2.1-A. SHARPNESS OF VERY FINE. DARK BROWN WITH
LIGHT STRIATIONS AT CENTER. AXIS. 180° MEDA TURN WHT. 88.0 GRAINS

TOTALS — APPROXIMATELY 74 SPECIMENS LISTED. SOME MAY BE DUPLICATES. OTHERS SEEN, NOT LISTED; MOSTLY IN LOW GRADES NOV 25, 1991

2.1-A

L. MERMIN SALE OCT 19, 1966

46 **Connecticut.** 1786 Cent. Small head r., ETLIB INDE. Atlee dies. Miller 2.1-A. VG or better, everything clear; parts of fields dark, the rest pale steel color. Undervalued type coin. $26—

STACK'S SALE MAY 23, 1974

24 1786 Connecticut. Miller 2.1-A. Rarity 3. Mailed bust right, with the popular **ET LIB INDE reverse.** Thin, lightly striated planchet. All lettering and date clear, as is the bust and reverse figure. Fine, dark brown. $35—

COIN GALLERIES SALE - AUG 20, 1976

1336 1786 M.2.1-A (R-3). "ET LIB INDE." Very Good, deep brown and slightly granular: 786 clear, as are all legends. 44—
44—

COIN GALLERIES SALE 'JUNE 5, 1980'

1429 1786 Connecticut, M.2.1-A, (R-3). ETLIB INDE reverse. Fine, a scarce type coin.

STEVE IVY 'MBS ANA' FEB 24, 1983

16 1786 Connecticut FINE (12) Mailed Bust Right. Miller 2.1-A. (R-3). ET LIB INDE. Mottled olive-brown. Sharp date and legends but somewhat granular. Struck on a broad flan with nearly 50% of the denticles present. A very significant variety as this is one of only two reverse dies in the entire Connecticut series with the transposed legend. $160—

41 1786 Miller 2.1-A. Rarity 3. The ET LIB INDE reverse. Though all details are quite sharp, the planchet is a trifle rough and porous. Fine. A very acceptable specimen for this type. $17— STACK'S SALE JAN 31, 1967

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

44 1786 Miller 2.1-A. ET LIB INDE variety. Some light edge damage near the date. Fine. From our March 1972 sale, lot 1. EDGE NICKS
60—

STEVE IVY SALE FEB 24-26, 1983

1899 **1786 and 1787 Connecticuts.** 1786, Miller 2.1-A, (R-3). VG (8). Brown with a patinated red obverse. Very sharp date. A very rare variety in this grade; this may well make CC. Ex Coin Galleries 6/5/80: 1429. 1 OF 4 PIECES

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

BOWER'S "MATT ROTHERT SALE" NOV 16, 17, 1973

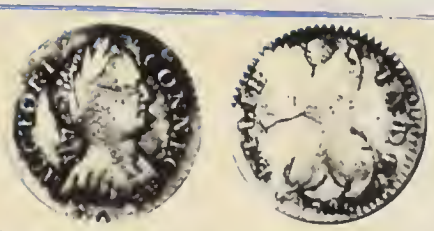
232 1786 Connecticut. Miller 2.1-A. **Small head facing right; ETLIB INDE reverse.** Of delicate form, this variety is considered to be a product of Capt. Thomas Machin's mint on the shores of Orange Pond, near Newburgh, N.Y. F-VF grade. Scarce. $65—
$65—

HESSBERG
FAIR FINE
LIGHT STRIATIONS

110.00

Lot No. 1347

1347 **1786 Miller 2.1-A.** 91 grains. Mailed bust right, large round head with compressed features, no visible denticulation. Reverse saw tooth dentils and legend are bold, center is weakly struck. Deep tan-red. Bold Fine.



EX. NORMAN BRYANT FEB 2, 1973

STACK'S T.H. ALLEN FEB 4, 1977

24 **1786 Miller 2.1-A.** Rarity 3. The ever popular ET LIB INDE variety. Perfectly centered and sharply struck. A pleasant light brown, and an excellent specimen. **Very Fine.** Ex Bryant Sale, February 2, 1973, lot 8. Formerly from the John M. Richardson Collection.
$180—

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STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

OLD CLEANING
EX. N. BRYANT
FEB 2, 1973

200—
250—

Lot No. 113

113 **1786 Mailed Bust Right.** M.2.1-A. ET LIB INDE. From our February 4, 5, 1977 sale, lot 24, described as, "Perfectly centered and sharply struck. A pleasant light brown, and an excellent specimen. **Very Fine.** Ex Bryant Sale, February 2, 1973, lot 8. Formerly from the John M. Richardson Collection."
$250—

STACK'S SALE JAN 14 1982

207 **1786** M.2.1-A (R-3). 98.6 grains. ET LIB INDE. Described in our February, 1977 Sale where is was lot 24 as " Perfectly centered and sharply struck, a pleasing light brown and an excellent specimen." conservatively graded there as Very Fine, the coin is quite close to a higher grade. It is well pedigreed. CLEANED
330.00

TO JOE PIERVINCENTI

Ex John M. Richardson; Bryant Sale (Stack's, February 2, 1973, lot 8); T. Henry Allen Sale (Stack's, February 4, 1977); Robison Sale, (Stack's, February 10, 1982, lot 113). AT 250.00

2.1-A

$82.50 MID-AMERICAN "1987 AUG SALE" AUG 21-22, 1987

14. **1786 Connecticut Copper. Very Fine (20/20). Miller 2.1-A, Rarity 3.** The details are fairly strong, but the surfaces are lightly granular. An otherwise pleasing example of the ETLIB INDE variety.

82.50

BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

$60.50 F/VF FRESH SCRATCHES

616 1786 Connecticut. Miller 2.1-A. Distinctive Machin's Mills piece with petite head on obverse, Mailed Bust right style. Reverse with transposed inscription ETLIB INDE. Fine to Very Fine, but with some light ancient scratches on the obverse and some porosity on the reverse. One of the most *charming* of the Connecticut issues dated this year.

RARE COIN REVIEWS No#8 JAN, 1971

This interesting 1786 Connecticut cent, variety 2.1-A in the list to follow, was not minted in Connecticut at all but, rather, was a product of Capt. Thomas Machin's secret mint located near Newburgh, N.Y. This firm specialized in the manufacture of many different issues of Connecticut, Vermont, and other states. The reverse of this variety has the legend arranged as ETLIB INDE which, translated, is a garbled "and Liberty Independence." Note the pronounced denticles (tooth-shaped border design) on this coin. BOWER'S RCR#7 SEPT, 1970

RCR#8
RCR#9

BOWER'S RCR#7 SEPT, 1970

1786 ETLIB INDE., 2.1-A. (R-3). Good $25.00; VG $39.00; Fine $59.00; VF 99.00

C.V. McCAWLEY LIST#19 OCT/NOV, 1988

1786 Connecticut M.2-1a. VF20 ET LIB INDE $ 250.00
Smooth brwon & tan. Well centered & well struck for the variety. Tiny clip at 17. Attractive & scarce.

MID-AMERICAN "1986 G.N.A. SALE" MAY 24, 1986

1112. 1786 Miller 2.1-A. Rarity 3. Good. Dark and lightly porous, with lighter high points. The obverse portrait is represented by a small, round head. ~~1786 Miller 4.1-G. Rarity 2. Fine. An attractive example with a smooth brown obverse, and some reddish patination and some light scratches on the reverse. A tiny clip is visible at 6:5 on the obverse. 127.0 grains. 1786 Miller 5.2-I. Rarity 3. Fine, but porous. The details suggest a grade of Very Fine.~~

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A total of three coins in this lot.

KINGSWOOD DARTMOUTH SALE FEB. 20, 1991

93.50

6562 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 2.1-A.** Rarity-3. 93.6 grains. F-15, dark and even olive and purple in color. Obverse tooled below effigy's bust. A nice example of the Small Head variety considered a classic Machin's Mills issue.

H. GARRETT FPL, 1982 - R. MARTIN

CHOICE VF/XF (35-40)
POSSIBLY CONDITION CENSUS

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

208 **1786** M.2.1-A. Another. 94.9 grains. Smooth reddish brown and tan toning. Detail about the same as the preceding specimen. Strong Very Fine. F18/VF20 OK COLOR

495

From J. Hanson, privately in 1976.

208

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#6 SPRING 1992

21 1786 Connecticut, Miller 2.1-A. Rarity-3. 78.7 grains. Details of around the Very Fine level, but, with a large cut across the obverse and numerous small nicks on either side. The color is an even chocolate brown and the detail is actually quite sharp, with full legends and date. A most affordable example of this distinct and popular type coin with the reverse legends appearing as ETLIB INDE $39

2.1-A

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL.) 1989

2.1-A	1786	VF-/VF-	R3	Upset (bookwise) rev. - E
2.1-A	1786	VF/VF	R3	
2.1-A	1786	F+/F+	R3	Cleaned
2.1-A	1786	VF/VF	R3	
2.1-A	1786	F-/F-	R3	verdigris on obv.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
2.1-A 6350 (3) ABT. GOOD 3
9451 (10) VERY GOOD 10

N. PULLEN LIST, 1979
1786 M. 2¹-A, R 3 AG/G

19.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

2) 1786 M.2.1-A Very Fine. Apparent old cleaning around head on obverse resulting in an orange color. Light planchet striae. * -C

ANS

1786 M. 2.1-A;

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

743 1786 Medium head, ETLIB INDE Very scarce. Miller 2.1-A. ANS {1914}, Pl. 12. About 90–102 grs. = 5.8–6.61 gms., for 72 to the lb.? Usually weak in centers. Discovered by Dickeson {1859}.

BREEN PLATE

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

68 **1786.** Medium sized bust r. **Rev. ETLIB INDE.** Very small, shrunken Liberty cap. **M. 2¹-A.** Strictly Very Fine where struck up. A clean, glossy medium to dark brown specimen of a very scarce and seldom offered type coin. Unpublished rev. die crack from border to T in ETLIB. Obt. from an Eastern collector. **($35.00)**

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Probably struck at the Rahway, N. J. Mint late in 1786 while James F. Atlee was full-time engraver for the Jersey coiners. This has Atlee's typical broken N punch, and the date punches seen on several of the curved-beam Rahway obverses of 1786.

NEW NETHERLANDS SALE 60TH DEC 3-4, 1968

327 **1786.** Medium size mailed bust r.; ETLIB INDE. **M. 2¹-A** (Rarity 3). Very Fine where struck-up. Somewhat weakly impressed at centers and slightly granular in those areas, but a splendid coin with most of head, legends, date (except numeral 1), and most rev. border denticles exceptionally sharp. Surfaces medium to dark brown with delicate mottling. This seldom offered type coin was lot 68 in our 51st sale, June 19-20, 1958, where it was purchased by F. C. C. Boyd for $36.00.

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Reverse "A" is unusual in that it displays a tiny, shrunken Liberty cap. There is also a rev. die crack from T of ET to a denticle, which was unpublished until we described this coin in our 51st sale. Both the obv. and rev. dies are by James F. Atlee. This lot was probably struck late in 1786 at the Rahway, N.J., Mint, as it is punch-linked with some of the earliest of the 1786 New Jersey coppers made at that establishment.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

24 1786. Cent. Medium sized bust r. Rev. **ET LIB INDE.** Very small, shrunken Liberty cap. M. 2¹-A. Fine or better where struck up, with pleasing natural gloss, but weak in centers as always. Nearly as bold as the Miller Plate coin and the one in our Fifty-First sale which exceeded its estimate of $35. A scarce type coin, in great demand, and seldom offered except in badly worn condition.

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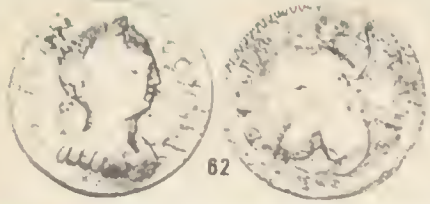
SEE BOWER'S · BOYD, BRAND & RYDER SALE MAR 25, 1990 LOT # 1075 AT $88.00 →

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

62 **1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right, "ETLIB INDE" reverse. Rarity 3. 102.5 grains. Very Fine.** Struck on a medium brown planchet, with a few light laminations and a couple of light scratches, all quite old. A naked-eye type coin, which is usually found in much lower grades. The present coin is quite comparable to the Norweb coin which sold for $165.....$159

1786 varieties 1-A, 2.1-A and 2.1-D.3 are all punch-linked with each other, as well as the 1786 small-date New Jersey coppers. All of these pieces may have been engraved by James F. Atlee.



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HENRY GARRETT LIST, SPRING, 1982 TO R. MARTIN
1786 "ET-LIB INDE" variety, M 2.1-A, EF, very rare high condition, as nice as Redbook plate coin, well struck.....750.00

2.1-A

NEW NETHERLAND'S 44TH SALE JUNE 23, 1954

44 ~~1785. African head; another M. 41 F4, in better condition. Also~~, 1786. Small mailed bust r. Rev. ET LIB INDE; M. 2¹-A, ~~First Fine and mostly clean, but with a very weak date~~. Last Very Fine (for the piece) and well above average. From the Green coll., ~~at $7.50 and~~ $12.50. 2 Pcs. 7.00

H. GARRETT LIST-JAN, 1983

1786 Connecticut, ET LIB INDE, glossy AU, full strike ..2.1-A.... 750.00

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 28, 1976

24 1786 ETLIB INDE, M #2.1-A (R-4) GOOD-6; ~~Mailed Bust Left-M #4.1-G (R-2) ALMOST GOOD-3, dark~~. (Lot of 2 pieces). 30 —

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.2.1-A
EXTREMELY FINE, DARK(XF 40)

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

56 45 1786 M.2.1-A, ET LIB INDE, scratches; ~~1787 M.32.5-aa, FNDE, 1787 M.33.2-Z.12, D.B.L., 1787 M.33.36-T.2, D.B.L. All are~~ Very Good or a trifle better. Lot of 4 pieces. 45 —

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #19 JUNE, 1983

10. 1786 M 2.1-A Small Mailed Bust Right, ET LIB INDE Reverse, Fine-12, R-3. Very well struck, but porous surfaces. Always popular. $80

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

8. 1786 Miller 2.1-A. Fine-12, R-3. "ET LIB INDE" Type. Somewhat of a striated planchet. Decent and a major type. $125

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1986

2. 1786 Bust Right, M.2.1-A. Fine to Very Fine, struck on a granular and lightweight planchet of 81 grains. A very scarce type, with a small round head and "ETLIB INDE" reverse. Medium brown color..... 125.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985

2. 1786 ETLIB INDE reverse, M.2.1-A. Very Good, grainy planchet, but strong detail with full date and legends. A scarce type..... 35.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984

3. 1786 Mailed Bust Right, M.2.1-A. The Et Lib Inde reverse. Fine, with porous medium brown surfaces. A scarce type..... 50.00

NORMAN PETERS LIST, MARCH, 1984

1786 2.1-A (R3) Small mailed bust right. Good, even wear $30.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1980'S

31 1786 Miller-2.1-A, ET LIB INDE type. Fine or better, scarce 90.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST APRIL, 1983

39 1786 Mailed Bust Right, M.2.1-A, ET LIB INDE. The "Round Head" variety. Very Fine. Well struck, with only a few minor handling marks. Dark brown, with lighter highlights. An interesting major type coin listed in the Guide Book 175.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST. 1979?

1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.2.1-A, (R-3). Small round head, with dies by James Atlee. Reverse: ETLIB INDE. Fine, a good match for the Guide Book plate coin. Some minimal surface porosity, as usually seen on this type. Struck on a somewhat lightweight planchet, probably in New York or New Jersey, as a contemporary counterfeit. An interesting type, and much more difficult to locate than the rarity rating might indicate.....90.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1977

1786 M.2.1-A, ETLIB INDE, a strong Good, scarce type coin.....35.00

2.1-A

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2608 **1786 M 2.1-A.** MBR. ET LIB INDE variety. R-3. 97.6 gns. Very Fine. Dark olive brown surfaces, lighter golden brown high points. Fields somewhat granular, particularly the lower right obverse. Well centered. All but first date numeral struck up. Perfect die states. Usual, medal turn reverse orientation. Typical, lightweight flan. Solidly collectable condition, Very Fine is about all the collector can hope for from this variety. FINE DARK

357.00

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

1786 MILLER 2.1-A XF LIGHT STRIAE XF OLIV

High Condition Census

1400-2000-2200.00

Lot No. 942

D. MITUZAS FOR CUSTOMER

942 **1786 M.2.1-A. MBR.** ET LIB INDE. Rarity 3. **Extremely Fine and Choice.** 102.7 gns. Nice, even olive brown in color. Centers somewhat rough and granular. Fields smooth, hard, faintly glossy. A pleasing specimen with a full date. **High Condition Census:** finer than almost every other seen recently including those auctioned in the last five years. Comparable to the Oechsner coin, not as sharp but with nicer surfaces than the Taylor piece. Obverse die perfect; reverse shows small rust pits left of head.

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collections. NO TICKET

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE" NOV 15, 1994

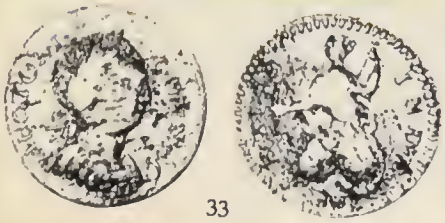
3177 Connecticut copper quintette: ☆ ~~1785 M 3.1-L. Mailed Bust Right. VF-30. Rarity-4. 134.6 grains. Olive-brown surfaces. Porous, yet sharp for the grade~~ ☆ ~~1785 M 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 130.4 grains. Light tan surfaces. "X" scratch on reverse at 3:00~~ ☆ ~~1785 M 6.4-L. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20 for sharpness, tiny bend and some small, natural flan flaws. Rarity-3. 128.0 grains~~ ☆ 1786 M 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VG-8, bent, with natural obverse flaw at 12:00. Rarity-3. 105.0 grains ☆ 1787 M 33.7-r.2. Draped Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-1. 134.3 grains. Edge clip at 11:00. (Total: 5 pieces)

165

ROSA AMERICANA FILE 4 SPRING, 1991

33. **1786. Miller 2.1-A, Breen 743. Rarity-3. Mailed Bust Right, Small Head, ETLIB INDE reverse. 91.9 grains. Very Fine.** Full legends and date, though one or two of the letters are slightly weak. Heavy striations on either side, as often found on the variety. A very appealing example of this scarce Machin's Mills counterfeit, quite comparable to the Norweb coin that sold for $165. (PLATE).....$129

1786 varieties 1-A [offered above], 2.1-A and 2.1-D.3 are all punch linked with each other, as well as the 1786 small-date New Jersey coppers. Walter Breen attributes these pieces to James F. Atlee.



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KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE 8-4-92

6510 Connecticut copper trio ☆ ~~1785 M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-2. 152.8 grains. ET LIB variety. Visually finer than Norweb 2465, sharpness approaches that of Taylor 2307, the Appleton-M.H.S. coin. From a clashed state of the reverse die, with prominent bulges affecting the peripheral legends. An obverse planchet flaw, as struck, extends from the rim at 6:00 to the effigy's cheek~~ ☆ 1786 M 2.1-A Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 96.1 grains. Die alignment 360°. Struck on a thin, lightweight planchet, as usually seen for this combination. Faintly porous olive green surfaces with faint reverse planchet striations noted ☆ ~~1786 M 5.2-L Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-3. 111.1 grains. Faintly porous surfaces with some lightness of central impression noted. A good group for the beginning Connecticut copper enthusiast.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

176.00

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

943 **1786 M.2.1-A. MBR.** ET LIB INDE. Another. Rarity 3. Strong Fine. 87.9 gns. Light brown. Both surfaces uniformly granular. Small clip obverse 1:00, otherwise fully round. All design details visible, full date. Perfect die states.

65 / 120 / 132.00

BOWER'S LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

308.00

78 1786 Connecticut copper. M 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20. Rarity-3. 98.8 grains. Die alignment: 360°, medal turn, not uncommon for this issue. Attractive tan and light brown surface highlights. A well-centered specimen with a very tiny planchet flaw at the obverse center and an equally insignificant edge clip at 5:00 on that side. Otherwise, nearly flaw-free surfaces. Struck on a thin, lightweight flan, as usually found. A choice specimen for the grade. One of the most distinctive of the varities attributed to Machin's Mills.

BOWERS "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

2235 **1786 M 2.1-A.** Mailed Bust Right. F-15. Rarity-3. 91.8 grains. Die alignment: 350°, nearly medallic turn. Struck on a thin, lightweight planchet, as often found. Chocolate brown surfaces, evenly striated, with a hint of patination on both sides.

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STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

110 **1786 M.2.1-A. MBR.** R-3. Very strong Fine but quite granular. 93.2 gns. Dark olive, some much darker toning areas both sides. Fully centered and well struck, a decent example of this distinctive type.

75 / 80 / 88

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

31 **1786 M.2.1-A. MBR.** Small Head. R-3. Strong Fine. 91.2 gns. Streaky olive and gold, obverse scratched, small reverse flaw by branch hand. Many small edge nicks and notches of unknown purpose and origin (but like those on the Miller plate 4.1-F.4, above). Perfect die states. TONY TERLANOVA

75 / 80 / 88

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

32 **1786 M.2.1-A. MBR.** Small Head. R-3. Very Good, flawed. 89.5 gns. Dark olive. Obverse perfect, reverse failing in left field; ~~5.5-M. MBL. R-3. Dark and micro-granular. Fine. 120.3 gns. Obverse failing under OR, reverse across knees.~~ 2 pieces. T- TERLANOVA

100 / 110

2.1-A

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN/1992

50. 1786 Connecticut, Miller 2.1-A, another. 93.8 grains. Nearly Very Fine detail. Counterstamped on the obverse with nine square punch marks, arranged five in one row and four right below, across the effigy's neck, though it only disturbs the E of CONNEC. Small planchet clip at the top of the obverse. Said to be some sort of official counterstamp of the West Indies, allowing circulation of such pieces on the islands for a slightly higher value than the metal content of the coin. We have not been able to prove this claim, as the counterstamp was unrepresented in either the Ray Byrne or John J. Ford, Jr. collections as well as any other major offering of official counterstamps. Still, it's an interesting counterstamp, and, quite inexpensive.....$49

BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

3107 1786 M 2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. Choice Fine or better for sharpness. Rarity-3. 102.9 grains. Die alignment: 350°, nearly full medal turn. Olive-brown surfaces with faint uniform porosity. Not as sharp as Taylor: 2337, but with all three "grapevines" plainly visible on the reverse shield. Classic Machin's Mills issue.
110- 140- 154-

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

34 1786 M.2.1-A. MBR. R-3. Small Head variety. Technical grade strong Very Fine, sharpness in places equivalent, the planchet very rough and granular. 99.8 gns. Both sides dark gray-brown. Rim flaw at base of obverse. Usual "medal turn" reverse alignment. Exact die states uncertain due to surface condition. This variety is known exclusively on thin and lightweight planchets. The current weight range noted for M.2.1-A is 78-107 gns. ROUGH, GRANULAR
60- 130- 143-

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C & GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995

#267 1786 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.2.1-A (R-3) F12. 81.0 gns. Fine, but on a dark porous flan. The ETLIB INDE Reverse.
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McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C & BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

260- 260- 286

192. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.2.1-A MBR (R-3) VF25 78.8 gns. Dark, matte brown planchet. Porous surfaces, light reverse corrosion. Thin planchet, as typical, with medal turn. Strike well centered. Free of die breaks and post strike damage. 78 of date strong, 1 absent and 6 weak. No rim damage.

BOWER'S "ROSSI & WILSON" MAY 30, 1997

37 1786 Connecticut copper. Mailed Bust Right. M 2.1-A. Rarity-3. EF-40. Strong design details on both sides, despite faint porosity. Olive, with lighter high points. Three full devices on reverse shield.
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Weight: 100.7 grains. Diameter: 1.106 inches Die alignment: 360°.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING, 1996

109 1786 Connecticut. Miller 2.1-A, Small Head, ETLIB INDE reverse. Rarity-3. 94.9 grains. Choice Very Fine. Well struck, with full, bold legends on either side, an extremely sharp date and decent design detail, including portions of all the grapevines on the reverse shield. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with some insignificant shallow striations that are mostly hidden by the toning, the reverse with just one small striation to the right of the date, else hard. Wonderfully free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect, and without a trace of the porosity often found on the variety. Overall an extremely attractive example of this unique type. Although only an R-3, the variety is usually found in grades of Fine or less [as specifically noted in the Taylor sale], and usually on rough planchet stock. To find a specimen with any sort of eye appeal is difficult — this one will certainly not need to be upgraded by its next owner!.....$199

This is one of the thin, lightweight contemporary counterfeits allegedly struck at Machin's Mills. As the designs end punches ere radically different from any of the other genuine issues [especially the other 1786 coins], and none of the dies in this tight family of counterfeits was ever paired with a genuine die, it is most likely that they were struck at e different mint [possibly at a different time], and probebly not by the authorized coiners.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

110 1786 Conecticut. Miller 2.1-A, another. 81.2 grains. Very Fine or so, in terms of wear received. Full legends, a few letters a bit weak; the date is gone. Darker brown, evenly rough surfaces, typical of the issue, the roughness obscuring some of the finer details on either side. Although not nearly as attractive as the above coin, it is available for a lot less money — often not that bad of a trade-off for a collector on a budget.....$39

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

86 1786 Connecticut, Miller 2.1-A. Rarity-3. 101.3 grains. Fine to Very Fine. Full legends, though with a few letters a bit weak; the date is not visible. Light olive color, slightly rough surfaces, but nicer than usually found, and with decent eye appeal overall. A most affordable example of this distinct and popular type coin with a "Baby Head" obverse and a small seated figure and the reverse legends appearing as ETLIB INDE.....$43

This variety is one of the early lightweight counterfeits purportedly struck at Machin's Mills. The designs end planchet stock are completely unlike any of the genuine Connecticut coppers end are especially different from the genuine 1786 issues.

2.1-A

1786 2.1-A WHT.86.4 GRAINS. EXTREMELY FINE, STRIATITIONS
KEN MOTE COLLECTION APRIL,1995.

1786 M.2.1-A WHT. 101.7 GRAINS. SHARP EXTREMELY FINE
SOME VERDIGRIS.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION APRIL,1995.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

151. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 2.1-A, the Small Head, ETLIB INDE reverse. Rarity-3. 77.8 grains. Very Fine or so, some areas a bit weaker than the full VF grade level. This one has full, generally bold legends and a fairly sharp date, the last three digits stronger than the first. Good central design details as well, with nearly full mailing on the obverse bust. The planchet is large and quite thin, accounting for the weight of the piece, which is less than half of the authorized weight for the legitimate Connecticut coppers. Medium brown planchet that has some very light striations and a couple of light nicks, the only two of any import at the top of the obverse. There is a light planchet crack visible at K-3 on either side, not that detracting. A pleasing and inexpensive example of this popular contemporary counterfeit..... $59

This is one of the thin, extremely lightweight contemporary counterfeits allegedly struck at the notorious Machin's Mills. As the designs and punches are radically different from any of the other genuine issues [especially the other 1786 coins!], and none of the dies in this light family of counterfeits was ever paired with any of the legitimate varieties, it is clear that they were struck at a mint other than the authorized one, and may have actually been struck in a year different than the one on the coins. Given the fact that this particular example weighs less than half of the authorized coinage, its counterfeit status is only buttressed.

2.1-A

1786 M.2.1-A WHT 103.9 GRAINS. BILL ANTON STOCK NOV,1997.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

126. 1786 Connecticut Copper. Miller 2.1-A, the Small Head, ETLIB INDE reverse. Rarity-3. 74.3 grains. Nearly Very Fine in terms of strike and wear received. Rather nicely struck for this variety, which often comes a bit erratic. The legends are full and strong, and the small date is completely on the planchet. Good design detail on either side, with some facial features and finer mailing detail visible on the obverse bust. Medium brown surfaces with some light diagonal striae on either side. There is a HOLE at the top of the obverse that shows through at the I of INDE on the reverse, and a slight bend in the planchet at the hole. Still, a most acceptable example for the grade, and one of the least expensive examples of this distinct type that we've seen – a perfect piece for a keychain!..... .....$49

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STACK'S SALE SEPT 16, 1997

116 - 1786 M.2.1-A. Mailed Bust Right. R-3. 91.8 gns. Very Fine, near the Condition Census for the variety. Both sides are a rich, smooth light olive brown in color. The surfaces are hard and semi-glossy save for the centers, which are granular and soft in appearance, as usually seen on M.2.1-A. Overall, the coin is a very near twin to the Pine Tree 1975 EAC piece, although not as sharp as the Taylor coin. Obverse die perfect; reverse showing failure around and beneath Liberty's right arm.

350 - 1100 - 1,210

Ex Jim Ruddy in June, 1970. VF SMOOT GOOD COLOR TO A. TERRANOVA

1786 2.1-A ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

2.1-A

NEW ENGLAND RARITIES (MIKE WEIRZDA) 5/2/2011

1786 Connecticut Miller 2.1-A VF25
ET LIB INDE Red Book Type

Click on Pictures to Zoom

Miller 2.1-A
Whitman W-2465

A very nice example of this distinctive and popular variety in the Connecticut series. The color is a choice light brown and the surfaces are smooth and glossy. There are a few light pockmark flaws on the reverse that were present in the planchet before the coin was struck at the mint. The strike is quite bold, with all design elements present and strong. A very pleasing specimen for the Connecticut or colonial type collector

1785 and 1786 Connecticut coppers are normally quite distinctive when compared to their 1787 counterparts. Many of the obverses and reverses are quite crude, and many different head types and reverse figures exist The reverse features the legend ET LIB INDE (as opposed to INDE ET LIB) found on most Connecticuts.

$1525

2.1-A

Connecticut 1786 M.2.1-A
Richard August duplicate
Offered at $3000 6/15

2.1-D.3

1786 M 2.1-D.3

Among Finest Known

TAYLOR

Var. 3. Legend very widely spaced. Liberty cap large. Branch-hand opposite N. Branch points at lower left corner of E. Broad, coarse milling. Figures of date small, all close to date line, which is double. 2¹—D

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK NO DEFECTS FIELDS DARK. TAN DEV. & LEVENDS VF

$1,210 —

TO R. MARTIN

2339 1786 Connecticut. M 2.1-D.3. Mailed Bust Right. 120.6 grains. 120°. Rarity-7. VF-20, finer than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen, the ANS specimen, and close to the Miller plate coin. Of the approximately 10 specimens known, this is certainly solidly near the top, if not indeed the finest known. Deep brown surfaces with lighter, golden brown relief details. No porosity or planchet striations. An unusual series of incusations runs around the brow of the effigy, like a circlet and resembles in shape and size the denticles on this variety.

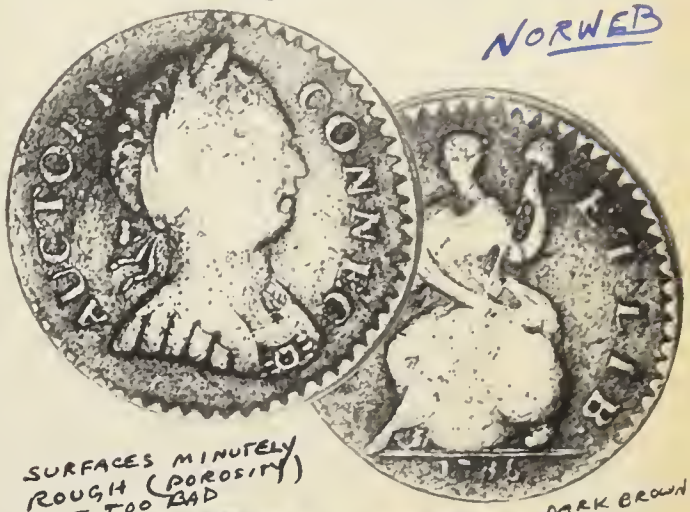
Purchased from Richard Picker.

1786 M 2.1-D.3

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

Among the Finest Known

NORWEB



SURFACES MINUTELY ROUGH (POROSITY) NOT TOO BAD

DARK BROWN FIELDS TAN DEVICES

TAYLOR SPECIMEN FINER

$2,200 —

2477 1786 Connecticut. M 2.1-D.3. VF-20. Rarity-7. 150.0 grains. 28.3mm. 150°. Dark brown surfaces, lighter golden brown high points. Microscopic porosity. An attractive specimen. Finer than the Pine Tree E.A.C. ANS specimens. A tie to Taylor 2339 if not slightly finer. Unusually heavy flan. $2,200 G. PERKINS

Pedigree unrecorded

EX. NEW ENGLAND "BUCKLEY COLL" 7/76 JULY 23, 1976

RARE TYPE – UNLISTED IN THE GUIDE BOOK

SEE BREEN PLATE SEE COLOR PHOTO SEE BREEN PLATE

TO D. AUGUST

21 1786 M #2.1 D.3 (High R 7) The round head usually seen with the "I I LIB INDI" reverse. As distinctly unique a type coin as the 2.1 A with the more common reverse. Unlisted in the Guide Book, only because it is non-collectable! FINE 12 with perfect surfaces. The damaged Very Good EAC specimen realized $285. This should easily bring double that or more, to an investment minded buyer. $260.00

$260 —

MILLER PLATE Plate II

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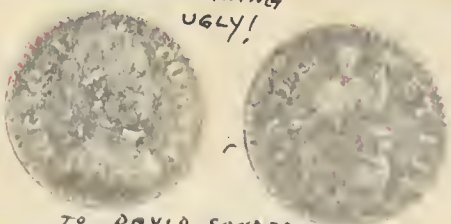
1 OF 4-5 KNOWN

SEE D. SONDERMAN FPL JUNE 1982

CHEMICAL CLEANING UGLY!



TO DAVID SONDERMAN

NASCA "KESSLER-SPANGENBERGER APRIL 28-29, 1981

2212 1786 M.2.1-D.3. (High R 7) Porous G-VG. (Photo)

$70 —

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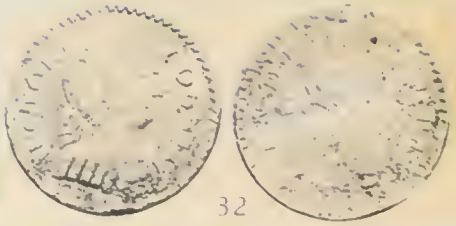
OPEN $40.00 SOLD $70.00



EAC'75

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PINE TREE Extremely Rare 1786 M. 2.1-D.3

EAC'75 SALE 'FEB 15, 1975

32 1786. M. 2.1-D.3. Borderline R-8. Same obv. Rev. Very tall seated figure. INDI. ET LIB. very widely spaced, branch hand opposite N. **Sharpness more or less Fine but very rough with extensive light pitting. One of the rarest of all Mailed Bust Right coins.** Besides the present example, we know only the Miller Plate coin (unlocated, possibly Boyd estate?), which is much worn, and one in ANS, a fourth being reported. No auction records in any grade. (Photo) $285—($400.—up)

$285

2.1-D.3

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

3) 1786 M.2.1-D.3 Very Good. Old scrape across obverse head and field, though not disturbing color. Relatively smooth mottled brown tan and darker browns. -C SEE COLOR PHOTO

SEE NASCA "KESSLER-SPANGENBERS SALE APRIL 28-29, 1981 LOT# 2212 AT $70.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, JUNE, 1982

7 1786 Large Head Right, M.2.1-D.3. Extremely rare, one of 4-5 known. Good-Very Good, uniformly porous 125.00

EXCESSIVELY RARE MILLER 2.1-D.3,
POSSIBLY ~~FOUR~~ KNOWN 8 KNOWN

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

HESSBERG

8 KNOWN

1300-
2600-

OK+

SMOOTH MOTTLED BROWN & CONTRASTING TAN

$2,860.00

Lot No. 1348

DAVE MENCHELL

1348 1786 Miller 2.1-D.3 (R-7). 143 grains. Mailed bust right, bold saw tooth rims enclose round head, thick-armed Liberty whose olive branch points to back of E in INDE. The cataloguer of the important 1975 Pine Tree-EAC sale knew of only three with certainty. Thick planchet with delightfully smooth, problem-free surfaces, deep glossy brown. Bold Fine.

SEE COLOR PHOTO

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BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1988)

745 1786 Narrow shoulders, centered obv. periods. 4–6 known.

Miller 2:1-D.3. Weight range as 743. Usually in low grades.

SEE NEW ENGLAND SALE 7/23/76 LOT# 21 AS FINE 12

2.1-D.3

Dick August Collection Nov 21,1998.
1786 2.1-D.3 Fine/Very Fine (15/18)
Ex. New England "Buckley Collection" July 23, 1976 Lot#1786
Breen Plate specimen.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN. 1985

SNS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

3) 1786 M.2.1-D.3 Very Good. Old scrape across obverse head and field, though not disturbing color. Relatively smooth mottled brown tan and darker browns.

2.1-D.3

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(6) ROUND HEAD, Miller Obv. ~~1.2~~ 2.1 of ~~1787~~ 1786

In 1859 Dickeson said that this die "Bears the appellation of the round head, the features being quite small and delicately proportioned. The hair is brought out artistically, and the wreath around the head is well arranged." Neither Crosby nor Miller, however, continued to apply the nickname Round Head to this die.

1786 2.1-D.3 NO. OF SPECIMENS LISTED 8 NOV 25, 1991

1) ROBERT MARTIN - BOWERS 'TAYLOR SALE' 3/27/87 #2337 (PLATE) - R. PICKER
2) GEORGE PERKINS - BOWERS 'NORWEB SALE' 3/25/88 #2477 (PLATE)
3) RICHARD AUGUST - NEW ENGLAND "BUCKLEY COLL" 7/23/76 #21 (PLATE) - BREEN PLATE
4) DAVID MENCHELL - STACK'S "HESSBERG COLL" 6/20/91 #1348 (PLATE)
5) PINE TREE 'FAC'TS SALE' 2/15/75 #32 (PLATE)
6) NASCA 'KESSLER-SPANGENBERGER SALE' 4/28-29/81 #2212 (PLATE) - DAVID SONDERMAN FIXED PRICE LIST JUNE, 1982
7) ANS COLLECTION
8) MILLER PLATE SPECIMEN. - BOYD - FORD
9) YALE UNIVERSITY ?

2.1 - D.3

1786 Copper Connectcut - eBay (item 350112737433 end time Oct-26-08

NOT GRADED FINE DETAILS ?
PATCHES OF GREEN VERDIGRIS
SOLD TO SYD MARTIN
$14,699.99

STACK'S S.S. NEW YORK SALE JULY 30, 2009

1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 2.1-D.3. Rarity -7. Mailed Bust Right.

Lot #:27 Session #:1 Auction : S.S. New York

Reserve: *Reserve Not Met*

Starting Bid $2,200

Current Bid: $0

Bid Now: $ Submit

minimum bid $2,200

SOLD $17,250

Add to Watch List

Description:

A significant major rarity in the Connecticut copper series, extremely rare despite the easily recognizable dies. Sharper than the grade assigned, but with lightly granular mattelike surfaces that indicate a ground provenance. The surfaces are a deep ruddy brown, with devices of even dark steel. Two minor planchet flaws at central obverse blend into the jaw and neck, smaller flaw under date. Well struck, perfectly centered, and fairly pleasing overall. This variety was missing entirely from the Ford Collection, assembled from the cream of collections built by Hillyer Ryder and F.C.C. Boyd. Compared to the other specimens that have turned up in major sales, like the Norweb, Taylor, and Perkins coins, the present coin holds it own, as the sharpness is finer even allowing for the slight granularity. As of the Perkins sale in 2000, Mike Hodder had seen only five specimens. This is a new addition to the census, one likely deserving of a spot high within it.

Specifications

Grade : VF 20
Grading Service : NGC
Certification # : 3260689001
Item : AN04548530

DR. THOMAS HALL MANUSCRIPT CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY 2.2-D.2

1786 OBVERSE P.52

2-2 Head large and similar to Obverse 3, Very broad shoulders. Periods large opposite the lowest portion of letters. A distant from mail.

Combination 2-2 / D-2 For Reverse D-2 see page 120

note here. The Obverses of 2-2 & 3 with their reverse combinations would appear worthy of special observation. I have been unsuccessful in finding similar dies in the series, matching the workmans hip or the punches used for impressing the letters or date. {It has been suggested that these pieces were probably of English ~~[illegible]~~ origin

1786 REVERSE P.120

D-2 Liberty cap ~~large & tall~~ cone shaped, clear of milling Top leaf of branch points to right of period

Combination 2-2 / D-2 For Obverse 2-2 see page 52

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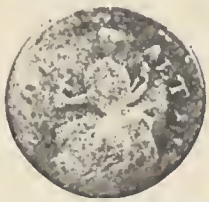
MILLER PLATE - SEE ANS SPECIMEN NO# 4

Var. 2. First period distant from E. Liberty cap large and tall, clear of milling. Branch-hand opposite D. Top leaf points to right of period. E in ET slants to left. Usually found on small planchets, not showing date. 2^2—D^2

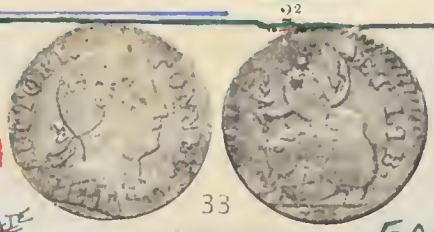
2^2



D^2

SEE ANS SPECIMEN # 4

POSSIBLY STACK FIXED PRICE LIST #19 MAY, 1942 P.2 F/VF, DARK EVENLY COLORED SLATE BLUE SURFACE. AT $6.50



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TAYLOR BREEN PLATE

FINEST KNOWN EAC'75

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

33 1786. M. 2.2-D.2. High R-7, nearly R-8. Broad shouldered head. Rev. Similar but shorter figure of Ms. Liberty leaning forward; large hands, B double punched, legend closer spaced. **Close to Fine**, very dark, with few faint old scratches not affecting the color. Some hair, cuirass and drapery details visible, as are all letters and full date. (Miller says this "usually comes on small planchets, no showing date"). Tops of IND off flan, remainder of letters complete. **Finest known, finer by far than the Miller Plate coin.** Besides the present example and the Miller Plate coin and the Miller-Bryant-Kessler coin, we know two in ANS and have heard of one other. Another type coin, as the broad shouldered head is not encountered elsewhere. **(Photo) ($350.-500.)** AT $450 -

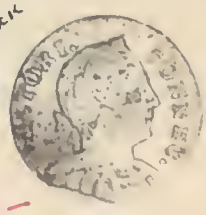
$450 -

1786 M 2.2-D.2

Probable Finest Known

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

RELATIVELY SMOOTH DARK PLANCHET OLD SCRAPES



BREEN PLATE

EAC'75

TAYLOR

$1,980 -

2340 1786 Connecticut. M 2.2-D.2. Mailed Bust Right. 113.9 grains. 120 Rarity-7. VG-8. Dark planchet with some older scratches on the obverse. Small planchet as noted by Miller the reverse slightly off center to the left. Some details in the cuirass, wreath and hair and the drapery on Miss Liberty on the reverse. Mostly full date. Described as "finest known" when last offered for sale in the Pine Tree E.A.C. auction we have no auction appearances of a better specimen since then TO R. MARTIN

From Pine Tree E.A.C. Convention Sale, February 1975 [illegible]

$1,980 -

2.2-D.2

PEDIGREED M. 2.2-D.2

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

34 1786. Another M. 2.2-D2, this on the usual small thin planchet. Good to Very Good, tops of IB, upper halves of NEC, most of CON and all of date off flan; devices practically completely on flan. Rather dark steel fields, devices highlighted, minutely granular but free of noticeable nicks, dents, or scratches. Attribution and M in obv. fields. Superior to the piece pictured in the Miller book. The only time in the history of numismatics that two specimens of this legendary rarity have been offered at the same time. The pedigree makes this coin at least equally desirable with preceding lot: Ex Henry Clay Miller, Norman Bryant, Q. David Bowers, Alan Kessler collections. EAC'75 ($200.–up) $150

$150

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1833 1786. Similar. C. 2 (2) D (2). V. Falr. .35

EX. NEW ENGLAND "BUCKLEY COLL" JULY 23, 1976

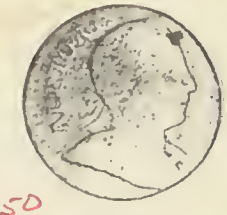
22 1786 Large Head Facing Right M # 2.2 D.2 (High R 7) Broad Shouldered Head. Good–4 with Henry Miller's initials inked on. Ex. Miller, EAC lot # 34 at $150. AT $150.00 TO F. TAYLOR, LATER BOWERS "TAYLOR COLL" LOT # 2341 (PLATE). R. MARTIN AT $77.50

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971

1786 Large head facing right 2.2-D.2 (R-5). G-VG 109.00

Second M 2.2-D.2

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987



OK GOOD + DARK FIELDS DEVICES & LEGENDS HIGHLIGHTED POROSITY EAC'75 TAYLOR

$77.50

2341 1786 Connecticut. M 2.2-D.2. Mailed Bust Right. 110.8 grains 180. Rarity-7. Good. A second example of this rare variety. Attribution number painted on the obverse field. Dark, some obverse and reverse detailing off the flan, including the date. Minute porosity, but no handling marks of consequence. Ex Henry Clay Miller, Norman Bryant, Q. David Bowers, Alan Kessler collections. TO R. MARTIN AT $77.50

From the Pine Tree E.A.C. Convention Sale, February 1975, Lot 34. AT $150.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL.) 1989

2.2-D.2 1786 VG/VG R7+ SEE COLOR PHOTO

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2.2-D.2 6370 (5) GOOD 5 SEE PHOTO

SEE COLOR PHOTO

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION

1786 M.2.2-D.2

VERY FINE+, TAN XF+

EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN. 1985

4) 1786 M.2.2-D.2 Abt. Good. Struck on a small flan, off center towards 12 o'clock so that the tops of "ORI" and "CONN" on the obverse are off flan and obscured. "IN" and "IB" as well as date are off flan on reverse. Smooth contrasting light and dark brown planchet. –C SEE MILLER PLATE STATE COINAGE OF CONNECTICUT

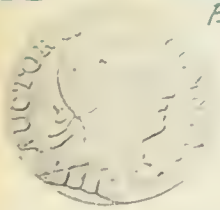
SEE COLOR PHOTO

5) 1786 M.2.2-D.2 Good-4. Large flan. Reverse weaker than obverse. Obverse slightly off center to 3 o'clock. "CON" in CONNEC weak. Reverse tops of legends weak and date mostly obscured. Otherwise, smooth medium brown surfaces and color. –C

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

744 1786 Broad shoulders, INDE. ET LIB. 6 or 7 known. Low periods in obv. legend. Miller 2.2-D.2. Discovered by Dr. Edward Maris, 1875; Crosby, p. 372; Crosby:975. Small flans, date usually not visible; 84–96 grs. = 5.4–6.2 gms., for 80 to the lb.? Always in low grades.

SEE EAC'75 SPECIMEN TAYLOR SPECIMEN



1786 2.2-D.2 WHT. 117.1 GR. FINE FOR THE VARIETY. USUAL MISALIGNED DIES. RESULTING IN DATE OFF FLAN. MEDIUM BROWN FIELDS, TAN DEVICES & LEGENDS

R. MARTIN COLL. JAN 14, 1992

1786 2.2-D.2

ROB RETZ COLL SEEN EAC '71 BOSTON

ABT FINE, SMOOTH LIGHT CHOCOLATE BROWN. ATTEMPTED PUNCTURE REVERSE FIELD THRU TO OBVERSE BELOW "TO" IN AUCTORI. TYPICAL SMALL FLAN WITH MOST OF DATE OFF-FLAN. TO STEVE TANNENBAUM.

SEE COLOR PHOTO

VIA GARY TRUDGEN CORRESPONDENCE 12-10-91

EXTREMELY FINE SPECIMEN 1786 2.2-D.2 WHT 115.1 GR.

PROMINENT NUMISMATIST (E. NEWMAN COLL ??) - DR. HALL

1786 2-2-D.2 R. MARTIN COLLECTION

1) TAYLOR 3/27/87 #2340 - EAC '75 2/15/75 #33 - BREEN PLATE
9)
2) TAYLOR 3/27/87 #2341 - EAC '75 2/15/75 #34 - H.C. MILLER COLL.

2.2-D.2

1786 2.2-D.2 Very Fine. Severe Rim Bruises.
David Menchell Collection 1993

1786 2.2-D.2 NO. OF SPECIMENS LISTED NOV 25, 1994

1) ROBERT MARTIN — BOWERS "TAYLOR SALE" 3/27/87 #2340 (PLATE) — PINE TREE "EAC'75 SALE" 2/15/75 #33 (PLATE) — STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST #19 MAY, 1942 P.2 ?? — BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE COIN.

2) ROBERT MARTIN — BOWER'S "TAYLOR SALE" 3/27/87 #2341 (PLATE) — NEW ENGLAND "BUCKLEY COLL" 7/23/76 #22 — PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE" 2/15/75 #34 — ALAN KESSLER — Q. DAVID BOWERS — NORMAN BRYANT — BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971 ? — HENRY CLAY MILLER.

3) TOM RETZ (PORTLAND, ORE) DISCOVERED 1990 ? UNATTRIBUTED.

4) ANS COLLECTION, ABT GOOD — MILLER PLATE SPECIMEN

5) ANS COLLECTION, GOOD 4

6) CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, GOOD 5

7) CNL FOUNDATION — BARNSLEY COLLECTION VG/VG

8) PROMINENT NUMISMATIST (E. NEWMAN COLL) — DR. THOMAS HALL XF+ GRADE

9) ROBERT MARTIN COLL. 2/14/92 — FINE FOR THE VARIETY.

10) DAVID MENCHELL COLL, 1993 VERY FINE, SEVERE RIM BRUISES.

11) ROBERT MARTIN TO MICHAEL SPENCER 8/11/2000 VIA MIKE RINGO VG POROUS

12) M&G C4 SALE 11/18/2000 LOT #120 AS G4 PITTING/SCRATCHES SYD MARTIN TO D. PALMER

13) STACK'S FORD SALE 5/10/05 LOT #245 VG/FINE TO SYD MARTIN

14) ROBERT MARTIN VIA EBAY 7/5/06 GOOD TO VERY GOOD

15) ROBERT MARTIN VIA EBAY (COIN GALLERY OF DELAWARE) G/VG

16) NEIL ROTHSCHILD VIA ~~HERITAGE SALE~~ BOWERS & MERENA SALE JULY 2003

17) GARY GLACKEN VIA JEFF ROCK 11/20/09 FINE/VF DIG ON REV. FIGURES HEAD

2.2-D.2

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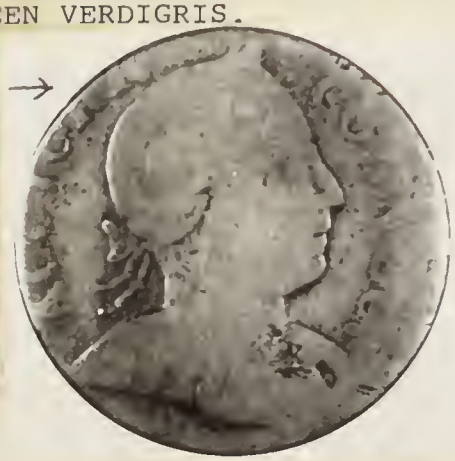
1786 M.2.2-D #6370 J.C. MITCHELSON,1913.
(G5) GOOD/VERY GOOD. GREEN VERDIGRIS.



2.2-D.2; Hall #1737; ch XF-AU; 115.1 gr; acquired by B.G. Johnson; May 17, 1935

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.2.2-D.2
VERY FINE+, TAN XF+
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

FINEST KNOWN

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

4) 1786 M.2.2-D.2 Abt. Good. Struck on a small flan, off center towards 12 o'clock so that the tops of "ORI" and "CONN" on the obverse are off flan and obscured. "IN" and "IB" as well as date are off flan on reverse. Smooth contrasting light and dark brown planchet.

SEE MILLER TEXT
PLATE SPECIMEN

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

2.2-D.2

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN. 1985

5) 1786 M.2.2-D.2 Good-4. Large flan. Reverse weaker than obverse. Obverse slightly off center to 3 o'clock. "CON" in CONNEC weak. Reverse tops of legends weak and date mostly obscured. Otherwise, smooth medium brown surfaces and color.

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Very Good details. Porous.
Michael Spencer Collection via Robert Martin 08/11/2000.

2.2-D.2

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #19 AUTUMN 2010 (NOV)

A NEWLY DISCOVERED SPECIMEN OF THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 2.2-D.2

A Legendary Connecticut Copper Variety, Low Condition Census!

205. 1786 Connecticut Copper. Miller 2.2-D.2, the "Noble Head." High Rarity-6. 110.4 grains. Very Fine or so, with a slightly erratic strike as is often the case on this extremely rare variety, but with nearly all the detail expected of a coin in this grade. The obverse strike is bold, the legend full though the tops of a few of the letters are near the edges of the planchet and weaker. The distinct bust – unlike anything else in the Connecticut copper series, though eerily similar to some counterfeit British halfpenny obverse types, is fully outlined, with good detail in the armor and some facial details, including the distinct expression that led to the "noble" nickname for this bust. The reverse is similar, the legend full, though centered such that all but the very tops of the date numerals are off the planchet – a common occurrence, only one example of the variety has a nearly full date. The seated figure, here uncomfortably leaning forward at the waist, is fully outlined, with good detail on the branch in her hand. Medium olive brown, the surfaces hard, with a fair amount of gloss. There are a few circulation marks visible, as well as a larger planchet dig at Liberty's head on the reverse. The condition is, at some level, moot, as this is one of the top five or six examples known of this extremely rare variety that is almost never offered – indeed, it remains on the want list of all but a select few collectors, especially as the small number known are currently in collections that will not be sold anytime soon, some in museum holdings that will never be sold. There are currently 17 specimens known in all grades combined, most of which have problems of one type or another. This example is brand new to the collecting community and we are pleased to offer it. With the gracious help of noted Connecticut Coppers researcher Robert Martin, the following is a complete census list of this extremely rare variety:

1) Eric P. Newman collection, ex Hall-Brand, via B.G. Johnson in 1935. EF or better. Presumably this one will never appear for sale.
2) Taylor sale, Lot 2340, earlier ex EAC '75 sale, VF+, well centered, nearly a full date, currently in the collection of Robert Martin.
3) Another example owned by Robert Martin, Very Fine, ex Mike Ringo via private treaty.
4) Private collection, ex Bowers and Merena Baltimore sale, 7/2003, part of a group lot! Miracles still happen! VF.
5) The specimen here offered, new to the collecting community.
6) Private New York collection, ex Joe Piervincenti in 1993, VF but severe rim bruises.
7) Rob Retz specimen, now in a private collection, F/VF, attempted puncture.
8) Private New York collector, Fine, but porous surfaces.
9) John Ford coin, Lot 245, now in a prominent private collection, Very Good/Fine
10) 2000 C4 auction sale, Lot 120, now in a Long Island collection, Fine details but porous and with numerous pin scratches.
11) The second Taylor specimen, Lot 2341, also earlier ex EAC '75 sale (lot 34), ex Canfield, currently also in the Robert Martin collection. Very Good/Fine.
12) ANS collection, ex Canfield, Very Good.
13) Another in the ANS collection, also ex Canfield, also Very Good
14) A third in the ANS collection, this one via the Colonial Newsletter collection, earlier ex Ned Barnseley. Very Good.
15) Connecticut State Library collection, probably ex Mitchelson collection. Very Good. substantial verdigris.
16) Another example in the Robert Martin collection, purchased in 2006, Good to Very Good.
17) A final example in the Robert Martin collection, purchased in 2009. Good to Very Good
18) HERITAGE AUCTION #1147 12/02/2010 LOT #3041 ANACS G4 CORRODED

A look at the census reveals a few interesting facts. Five specimens are currently impounded in museum holdings and will not likely be offered for sale. Another five specimens – including three that have never been offered for sale publicly – are owned by a single collector, who has made it clear that this is his favorite variety of Connecticut copper. Of the seven remaining pieces, six are in major holdings of this series – two in collections that boast over 300 individual varieties and the others in nearly-as-large specialized holdings. NONE of these are probably going to be offered for sale in the foreseeable future, which means that this may be the ONLY opportunity for the collector to obtain an example of this rare and dramatic variety. While we wouldn't claim that this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity it is definitely one that the specialist should seriously consider, because it may well be decades before another is offered – and we doubt that it will be anywhere near as pleasing. **PLATE SEVEN** $16.999

2.2-D.2

From: "Robert Martin" <RobertMartin22@live.com>
Date: Thursday, December 03, 2009 11:29 PM
To: <RosaAmLtd@aol.com>
Subject: Re: 2.2-D.2

Hello Jeff,

I currently list 17 specimens of the "Noble Head" in my database. As you well know, grading and ranking these "Noble Heads" is tricky business. Most encountered are off centered on small diameter planchets. The central obverse and reverse devices are deeply cut and lack intricate detail to aid in measuring wear (similar to the "Scholar Heads"). Listing as follows:

1-Eric Newman - Hall/Brand via B.G. Johnson 5/17/35 XF or better.

2-Robert Martin - Taylor Sale 3/27/87 Lot #2340 - EAC '75 Sale 2/15/75 Lot #33 VF (fairly well centered with almost full date).

3-Robert Martin - Mike Ringo privately 2/14/92 VF.

4-Neil Rothschild - Via ~~Heritage~~ BOWERS & MERENA Sale in Baltimore, circa 2003? VF (I need to track down the exact sale date and Lot#, I was underbidder). TO NEIL ROTHSCHILD

Note - I consider the abovementioned, probably the top 4 all around specimens. They exhibit better than average detail, color and surfaces and lack any significant impairment or problem. The following 13 specimens are not necessarily listed in order of condition ranking.

5-Steve Tanenbaum - Rob Retz 1993? F/VF, attempted puncture.

6-Dave Menchell - Joe Piervincenti 1993. VF, severe rim bruises.

7-Syd Martin - Stack's Ford Sale 5/10/05 Lot #245 VG/Fine.

8-Robert Martin - Taylor Sale 3/27/87 Lot #2341 - New England Auction Sale 7/23/76 Lot #22 - EAC '75 Sale 2/15/75 Lot #34 - Canfield collection. VG/Fine

9-ANS - Canfield collection VG

10-ANS - Canfield collection VG

11-ANS - CNL/Barnsley VG

12-Michael Spencer - Robert Martin 8/11/00. Fine, porous surfaces.

13-David Palmer - M & G C4 Sale 11/18/00 Lot #120. Fine details, pitting and numerous pin scratches.

14-Connecticut State Library VG, verdigris.

15-Robert Martin 7/5/06 G/VG

16-Robert Martin - Coin Gallery of Delaware 9/28/09 G/VG

→ROSA AMERICANA'S FPL #19 AUTUMN 2010 LOT # 205 $16,499.00 TO WM GLECKER

17-Your recent specimen. F/VF, better centered than most seen....above average surfaces and color....attempted puncture (dig) on reverse figures head. I'll let you decide how you want to rank it among known specimens....probably a candidate for the top 1/3rd listed.

18- HERITAGE AUCTION #1147 12/02/2010 LOT # 3041 ANACS G4 CORRODED

19- STACK'S MARCH 2012 BALTIMORE AUCTION 3/21/12 LOT # 1113 VG8 POROUS

2.2-D.2

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Fine/Very Fine. Smooth medium olive brown, Dig (puncture) on reverse figures head. Wht. 110.4 grains.
Ex. Rosa Amerieana's Ltd Fixed Price List #19 Autumn 2010 (November 2010) Lot# 205 @ $16,999.00 to William Gleckler.

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Very Good/Fine details. Porous surfaces. ANACS Good 4 details – corroded.
Ex Heritage Sale #1147 12/02/2010 Lot #3041.

HERITAGE SALE #1147 12/2/10 LOT #3041

3041 1786 Connecticut Copper, Small Head Right, ETLIB INDE—Corroded—ANACS Details. Good 4. M. 2.2-D.2, W-2475, High R.6. Called the "Broad Shouldered Head" and struck on planchets of smaller than ordinary diameter, the Miller 2.2-D.2 often has a partially missing date, as seen on the present coin. The devices are worn, but recognizable, and the surfaces are lightly corroded. Listed on page 59 of the 2011 *Guide Book*. MRB Good 4.
Purchased from J. Killoran (2/19/1965).
From The W. Philip Keller Collection of U.S. Colonials. (#325)

2.2-D.2

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Fine details. Porous and numerous pin scratches obverse and reverse. Ex. M & G 2004 C4 auction 11/18/2000 Lot #120 @$7,425.00. David Palmer Collection.

120. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.2.2-D.2 MBR (R-7) G4 114.1 gns. A Large Head Right Type. More important though, a major rarity in the Connecticut series, one of a small minority of varieties that were not represented in Stack's January 2000 George Perkins Sale. Miller 2.2-D.2 is a distinctive variety, the obverse Bust with a noble nose and chin held high, while Seated Liberty on the reverse leans decidedly forward. Here the obverse is struck off center to the right, with the left side stronger, legend there clear and full while on the right only a few letter fragments are visible. Reverse legends are full, so to speak, though INDE and ET are very weak at points. Only the top fourth of the date is visible, which is enough to distinguish the curved upright of the 6. Surfaces are dark brown and worn to a somewhat smooth and reflective look, the obverse genuinely so, the reverse so despite scattered porosity. Both sides have a goodly (one seldom gets to use that word) number of pin scratches on them, fortunately all are old and quite fine. They vary in direction, placement and length, with most found on the obverse. The finest known example of this variety appears to be the first Taylor coin, previously Pine Tree/EAC 75 - graded VG but quite possibly a Fine. Taylor also had a Good example with overall detail comparable to this coin. In addition to Perkins, Miller 2.2-D.2 was also lacking in Picker, Roper, Garrett, Norweb, Oechsner and Hessberg, to name just a few notable collections without it. The current coin has been off the numismatic market for generations, having been found in the estate of a gentleman who had been prone to accumulate low grade Connecticut coppers from group lots in Thomas Elder Sales. Certainly a highlight of this sale for any collector of Connecticut coppers.

2.2-D.2

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Extremely Fine or better. Finest Known. Wht. 115.1 grains
Eric P. Newman collection via B.G. Johnson 5/17/1935. Ex Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Very Fine. Few old faint scratches on obverse not affecting color.
Robert Martin Collection. Ex. Taylor Sale 3/27/87 #2340. Previously EAC '75 Sale 2/15/75 #33

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Very Fine. Smooth medium brown planchet.
Robert Martin Collection via Mike Ringo 02/14/1992.

2.2-D.2

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Very Good to Fine. Ex. Frederick Canfield Collection.
Robert Martin Collection. Ex. Taylor Sale 3/27/87 #2341. Previously EAC '75 Sale 2/15/75 #34

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Good/Very Good. Medium Brown.
Robert Martin Collection 09/28/2009 via Coin Gallery of Delaware

2.2-D.2

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Fine/Very Fine (15-20)
Neil Rothschild Collection. Ex. Bowers & Merena Auction July 2003.

STACK'S JOHN J FORD COLL. PART IX MAY 10, 2005

SUPERIOR 1786 M.2.2-D.2

$1,500 –
$12,000 –
$13,800 – TO SYD MARTIN

Lot No. 245

245 **1786 Connecticut copper. MBR. M.2.2-D.2. R-6+.** Very Good to Fine. **The Miller Plate Coin** (one of the few placed in the body of that text). 116.1 gns. Dark olive brown on both sides. Obverse and reverse surfaces quite rough in appearance, granular everywhere with some portions a little rougher particularly on the reverse. Both sides remarkably off center, the obverse to the right and the reverse to the bottom. Both sides scratched in several places, these seem old and toned down. Described on its collector's ticket as "Good. Date entirely off. Extremely rare. Not in Crosby." The cataloguer has seen eight of these and there are about five others. The highest graded piece appears to be the Very Fine with edge damage found by Joe Piervincenti and sold in the 1993 ANA sale. The finest, however, is still Bobby Martin's Fine. The present specimen has been called a close tie to the Taylor coin graded Very Good at the time. This was one of the few varieties George Perkins lacked.

Ex Matthew Adams Stickney Collection (Henry Chapman, June 25, 1907, lot 173). Square collector's ticket accompanies the lot.

2.2-D.2

1786 2.2-D.2 " Noble Head" Good/Very Good. Light Brown. Edge bruise 3 o'clock obverse.
Robert Martin Collection 07/05/2006 via Frank Steimle.

1786 2.2-D.2 "Noble Head" Very Good, Rough Surfaces.
ANS/CNL/Barnsley Collection

COUNTERFEIT HALF PENCE CURRENT IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES 1886

2.3-T

The rude half penny of 1786, already mentioned (No. 8), has a somewhat striking resemblance to a Connecticut cent in my possession (No. 7) having a small head of negro type facing the right, with the legend . AUCTOIRI . . CONNEC . YALE UNIVERSITY

No. 7.—Connecticut Cent,

With British Shield.

Called 2.3-T of 1786 by Edward R. Barnsley Two others, 2.4-U and 2.5-V are similar

The reverse shows a mere skeleton for the goddess, and bears a *British shield*, but with the legend INDE : : ET — the D being reversed. The representation of Liberty is similar to that of Britannia upon the 1786 half penny.

DR. HALL'S MANUSCRIPT NOTEBOOK CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

So called because referred to by Wylie Betts Esq in his monogram on Counterfeit Half Pence, 1886 P. 269

1786? Betts die from Mr Mains

Do not conform with dies attributed to the hand of Mr Betts

AUCTO .. CONNEC.

Ow. Mailed Bust to right Rude execution

Rev. . ⅅE: :ET LIB.

British shield inverted D

Mr Betts illustrates by wood-cut No 7. similar if not identical with the above described Obs & Rev. tracing a close connection of the minting of this piece with certain rudely executed counterfeit British Half Pennies

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MARCH, 1964 -1786- (SEQUENTIAL PAGE 85) P. 2

2.3-T

W. Betts reported this combination in 1886 and illustrated both dies in his line engraving No. 7. (Counterfeit Half-pence Current in the American Colonies, P. 8). He stated that the coin was then in his possession, and described the obverse as "having a small head of negro type facing the right, with the legend .AUTORI.. CONNEC. The reverse shows a mere skeleton for the goddess, and bears a British Shield, but with the legend INDE: :ET —, the D being

OVER

2.3-T

CONT'd

2.3-T

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reversed." Miller did not mention this piece, however, and it remained unclassified until 1963 when E. P. Newman suggested to the writer the designation 2.3-T. (Personal Communication, March 18. 1963). ~~One~~ TWO specimen located: ~~ANS~~. ?? E. NEWMAN COLL. J. FORD COLL.

WALTER BREEN'S "COMPLETE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF U.S. & COLONIAL COINS" 1987

III. BUNGTOWN MINTS (North Swansea, Mass.?)

761 1786 Imitation "African" head. Ex. rare.
M. 2.3-T. First described in Betts {1886}. 1) Ill. *CNL* 3/64.

E. NEWMAN COLL.

SEE BLACK & WHITE PHOTO WHT. 152.4 GR. EX. NEWCOMER/GREEN ?

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.2.3-T
FINE WHT 152.4 GRAINS
EX NEWCOMER - COLONEL GREEN COLLECTIONS

It is interesting to note that this reverse I of 1788 is one of only three Connecticut reverses to show the superimposed crosses of the British Grand Union flag as armorial bearings on their shields. The other two such dies are the unique T and U reverses of 1786.

CATAGORIES OF BIZARRE LETTERS

E. BARNSLEY

LETTERS CUT UPSIDE DOWN "D" | P. 360 | 1786 reverse T: U

There are two cases where the letter "D" was inverted when punched into the reverse die and never overpunched to correct the mistake such as was done in reverse Z.1. In the two unique examples, 2.3-T and 2.4-U of 1786, the "D" of INDE appears upside down. Since both of these pieces share the British shield and very crude workmanship, it is concluded that all four dies were made by the same mechanic.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920 2.3-T ??

2181 1786. Contemporaneous copy in copper. Curious head to r. AUC-
1.00 TORI. CONNEC. Rx Rude figure of Liberty std to l. (I)NDE
(ETL) IB--1676. V. Fair.

2.3-T

ERIC NEWMAN COLLECTION PHOTO, 1770
WHT. 152.4 GRAINS EX. NEWCOMER/GREEN ?

SEE BREEN PLATE 761 & COLOR PHOTO

J. ROCIC SERIAL NO. 88

2.3-T -- First reported by C. Wyllys Betts in *Counterfeit Half-Pence Current in the American Colonies*, 1886, and illustrated there-in by a line engraving. A contemporary counterfeit of the 1785 "African Head" variety, this coin may have been produced at the enigmatic Bungtown mints of North Swansea, Massachusetts. This and the following three varieties are unique in the series of Connecticut coppers, as they all bear the British arms on the shield on the reverse. The numerical designation was provided by Eric P. Newman in 1963. The only known specimens are the Betts coin (mistakenly attributed to the A.N.S. collection in Barnsley's article), it's present whereabouts, today, is unknown, and another in a prominent St.Louis collection.

2.3-T
2.4-U
2.5-V

→ 2.3-T, 2.4-U & 2.5-T

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2.3-T

1786 2.3-T ANS ASCENSION 1931

1786 2.4-U

2.4-U

A. D. Hoch identified this as a new combination then in the hands of a private collector. The piece remains inedited, although authenticated by W. H. Breen and E. P. Newman. The latter also suggested the designation 2.4-U because it is so similar in general appearance to 2.3-T, particularly in regard to the British Shield and the reversed D. Although these two coins differ from one another in detail, workmanship of the dies indicates, nevertheless, that both pieces were made by the same engraver. One specimen located: ERB.

C.N.L. NO#11 MARCH, 1964 P.27 ED BARNSLEY

WALTER BREEN'S "COMPLETE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF U.S. & COLONIAL COINS" 1987

762 1786 BRITA NNIA Ex. rare.
M. 2.4-U. Rev. of 975. 1) Barnsley. Discovered by A. D. Hoch.

INCORRECT PLATE

INCORRECT PLATE FOR 2.4-U SPECIMEN 2.6-BRI

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989
2.4-U 1786 F-/F- R8 Contemporaneous counterfeit

Sequential page 209

BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES
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2.4-U

J. ROCK SERIAL NO. 88

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1246 J. ROCK

2.4-U -- Discovered by Al Hoch around 1963, and authenticated by both Eric Newman and Walter Breen. Probably made by the same engraver responsible for the variety known as 2.3-T, listed above. The reverse has the regular legend, and, like the above bears the British arms on the reverse shield. The discovery specimen is now in the Barnsley/CNL Reference collection and another is reported, but not yet verified.

→ 2.3-T, 2.4-U & 2.5-T

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1786 2.4-U FINE. Eric P. Newman Collection.
Ex. W. E. Woodward Sale #11 March 20, 1865 Lot#2605

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.2.4-U
FINE
EX W.E. WOODWARD SALE#11
MAY 20,1865 LOT# 2605

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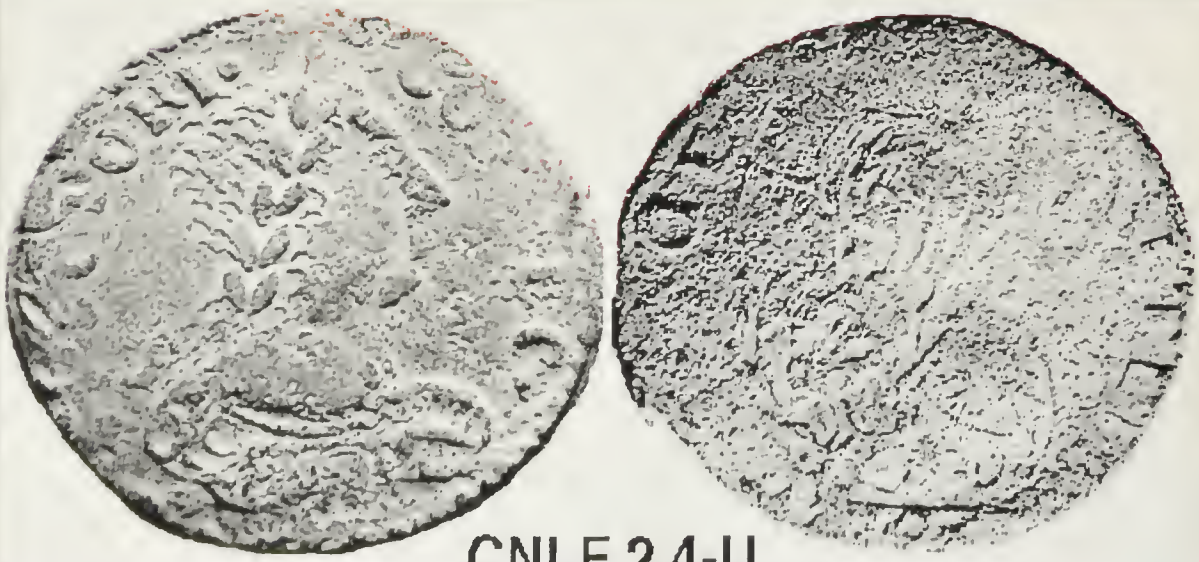

CNLF 2.4-U

2.5-V

2.5-V -- Another counterfeit, and again, probably cut by the same hand as the above two varieties. Discovered in 1975 by Edward R. Barnsley while attributing photographs taken by Al Hoch. This is the third variety bearing the British arms on the shield. The discovery coin, whereabouts now unknown, is the only example of this variety reported.

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2.5-V

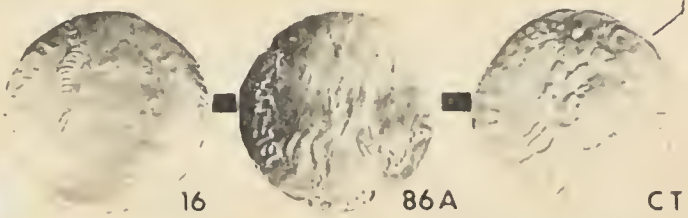
No. 8.—Counterfeit Half Pennies BETTS 1886

2.6-BRI
V. CT-86A

Vlack 16-86A-CT
Barnsley GEO-BRI-2.6

Vlack 16 of 1786. Vlack 86A Vlack CT

Now, singularly, I have recently seen a Connecticut cent having an obverse very similar to No. 7, and with the reverse from the same rude die as the 1786 half penny, thus proving that the latter was of American manufacture.



16 86A CT

VLACK PLATE - E. NEWMAN COLLECTION

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W.E. WOODWARDS' SALE #9 "JOHN McCOY" COLL.
VLACK CT-86A 1786 ?? MAY 17-21, 1864

*3.50 1750. Conn. Cent, 1787; obv. a rudely executed bust, evidently intended for George III., surrounded by ins. "AUCTORI CONNEC.;" rev. still ruder figure of Liberty, surrounded by the ins. "BRITANNIA." An undoubted original, in good condition, unique.

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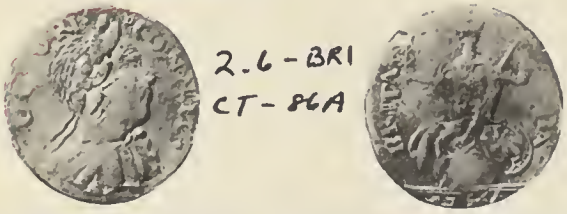
PROBABLY MISTAKEN FOR 1787 INSTEAD OF 1786.

W. BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA, 1989

762 1786 BRITA NNIA Ex. rare.
~~M. 2.4-U~~ Rev. of 975. 1) ~~Barnsley. Discovered by A.~~ D.
~~Hoch.~~ E. NEWMAN COLL.
2.6-BRI

WM. STROBRIDGE "WM. LILLIENDAHL SALE
MAY 26-28, 1862 LOT #1177 @ $2.88

1177. Connecticut Cent, rude bust to right; reverse, a still more rude figure of Britannia seated, with the inscription "*Britannia*," a piece highly prized by the owner, and believed to be perfectly unique, fair.



2.6-BRI
CT-86A

2.6-BRI -- Also discovered by Barnsley in the same batch of photographs in 1975, this variety also bears the British arms on the reverse shield. It is unique in the Connecticut series, though, as instead of the usually-seen reverse legend INDE ET LIB (or a variation thereof), it has the legend BRITA NNIA. The date actually reads 17886, the two 8's slightly overlapping. This is probably the same piece mentioned by Betts who, on page 8 of his 1886 work on counterfeit halfpence, wrote "...I have recently seen a Connecticut cent having an obverse very similar to No. 7 [the variety now known as 2.3-T], and with the reverse from the same rude die as the 1786 halfpenny, thus proving the latter was of American manufacture." The halfpenny in question was illustrated as Figure 8 in the Betts work and is quite similar to the reverse of this Connecticut. This piece is depicted on the photographic plates prepared by Robert A. Vlack in 1974 entitled "Early English Counterfeit Halfpence Struck in America," and is given the attribution **CT-86A**. This variety shares a reverse with Vlack Obverse 16, a rude obverse die of the GEORGIUS III REX type. The similarities indicate that obverses 16 and CT and reverse 86A (per Vlack's attribution numbers) were all cut by the same hand. Walter Breen has assigned these pieces to the enigmatic mints in North Swansea, Massachusetts. Only one specimen traced, the discovery coin, now in a St. Louis collection.

2.6 - BR1

CT-86A; 139.9 gr

W. E. WOODWARD "BACHE, LIGHTBODY MARCH, 1865

1. 38 2605 Connecticut Cent, 1787; obv. a rudely executed bust, evidently intended for George III., surrounded by inscription "Auctori Connec.;" rev. still ruder figure of Liberty, surrounded by the inscription "Britannia;" an undoubted original, in good condition, unique.

SEE W. E. WOODWARD "JOHN McCOY" SALE MAY 1864 LOT # 1750

SEE ~~W. E. WOODWARD~~ "WM. LILLIENDAHL" MAY 1862 LOT # 1177

WM. STROBRIDGE

3 - D.1

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

POSSIBLY TIED FOR FINEST KNOWN EAC'75

35 **1786. M. 3.–D.1.** High R–6. Very large head (copied by the designer of the "Baby Head" Vermont copper), colons in legend. Rev. Tall seated figure, like D.3 above but branch hand opposite D, and ET LIB. as two words, not one. **More or less Fine, medium steel and reddish brown,** devices highlighted, attribution on head; two mint clips, lower and upper left obv., as made. Slightly finer than the Miller, Crosby, Vlack, or Taxay Plate coins; considerably superior to lot 69, New Netherlands 51st sale. The only other one we have seen which could compete with this in quality was in the Stepney Hoard. **Therefore, Condition Census level, possibly one of two finest known. (Photo)** $225 **($300.–up)**

$225

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SEE COLOR PHOTO
ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.3-D.1
VERY FINE, DARK
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

23 1786 Large Head Right M #3-D.1 (High R-6) Very Large Head. VERY GOOD 10. Miller number inked on. Planchet clip at 7 o'clock.

$210

329 **1786.** M. 3–D. 1. Largest head, colons in legend. Rev. ET LIB. as two words, B far from baseline; cf. lot 35. High R–6. **About Fine,** dark chocolate brown, minutely granular and lightly pockmarked; considerably better looking than it sounds. About equal in sharpness to the Vlack Plate coin, minutely less sharp than the Crosby Plate coin; **probably in the Condition Census,** though not up there with the above–mentioned lot 35. Ex Bowers, Alan Kessler. **(Photo)** $175 **($300.–up)**

$175

PINE TREE EAC'75 SALE FEB 15, 1975

EAC'75

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1786 M 3-D.1

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

FINE DETAIL
RELATIVELY SMOOTH DARK CHARCOAL BROWN

$286 NOT BAD EXCEPT FOR OLD GOUGE ON KNEE

TAYLOR

2342 1786 Connecticut. M 3-D.1. Mailed Bust Right. 138.1 grains. High Rarity-5. Overall, VG-8, with some details sharper. Dark olive brown, with microscopic porosity in the fields. Planchet clip at 5:30 on the obverse rim. Two reverse gouges.
From New Netherlands 51st sale, June 1958. Lot 69

69 1786. **Large sized bust r.** (largest of the year); colons after legends. **M. 3-D¹.** (Rohway Mint.) Fine for coin, and about equal to the piece shown on the Miller-Ryder plate. Light mint clip; dark brown and steel patina. Slight rev. rim bruise and two dig-like scratches, none of which really detract from this coin. Very rare, R-6 on the Sheldon scale, possibly **R-7;** the few others seen were all well worn or banged up. **($25.00)**
This seems to be the coin copied by the designer of the "Baby Head" Vermont, Ryder 9

$21

RELATIVELY SMOOTH DARK GREYISH BROWN "ET" WEAK

Lot No. 21

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

21 **1786 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 3-D.1. The Large Head. A splendid example, dark brown with excellent smooth surfaces. A small planchet clip not touching any of the devices. **Very Fine.** *Better than the excellent example in the extraordinary Taylor collection.* $825

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

2343 1786 Connecticut coppers. M 3-D.1. Mailed Bust Right. 123.8 grains. High Rarity-5. Fine, punch-holed and with attribution number painted on the obverse.

TAYLOR

1 OF 5 PIECES

3-D.1

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27-28, 1962

25 1786. Cent. Large bust r. (largest of the year); colons after legends. M. 3-D1. Almost R-7. Very Fine for coin. Much superior to the Miller Plate piece and the one in our Fifty-First sale. Excellent surfaces; unpublished die injuries on reverse with incused ON and borders; small planchet "punch" (less than a clip) at rim as made. The FINEST we've seen, specimens almost never appearing above good. Worthy of generous bidding! Plate $175-

This and the preceding lot were apparently made by James I. Atlee, who was working full time at the Rahway, N.J. mint; the letter and numeral punches reappear on "imitation" half pence and Jersey coppers.

STACK'S ROPER COLL. DEC 7, 1963

VERY FINE FOR THIS TYPE NICE GOOD COLOR & SURFACE

ROPER

360-440

ROBERT MARTIN

Lot No. 231

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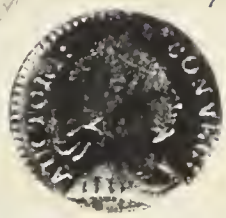
TAXAY PLATE (1976)



231 **1786 Mailed Bust Right.** Miller 3-D.1. 106.0 grains. **Another rare type.** The largest bust of this date, with dies cut in somewhat low relief. There is a tiny planchet defect on the edge at one o'clock visible only on the obverse, and for the sake of accuracy we mention that the coin is ever so slightly bent. The surfaces are light brown, free of defects, and actually show very little wear. **Fine or better.** $484 → R. MARTIN

C 163

1786 Connecticut Miller 3-D.1

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE

$1,900-

TO A. TERRANOVA

GARRETT

BUSHNELL SALE 6/20/82 LOT #847

RED BOOK PLATE COIN (1989)

3-D.1

BREEN PLATE

1342 **1786 Connecticut.** Miller 3-D.1. 148.3 grains. Rarity-4. Large mailed bust right, the largest bust of 1786. An exceptionally nice **Very Fine to Extremely Fine** specimen for this variety, an issue which is rarely found in decent condition. Struck slightly off center, just cutting off the top of the reverse and accentuating the denticles at the bottom of the reverse. Full sharp date. All letters and other details are well defined. Medium brown surfaces. Smooth planchet save for some minor graininess at the center obverse as made.

OPEN $165- SOLD $1,900-

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1988)

746 1786 Tallest head, colons in obv. legends. Very rare. Miller 3-D.1 (ill.), 3-D.4 (similar, B close to exergue, much rarer). 106–173 grs. = 6.87–11.2 gms., heaviest and lightest being 3-D.1's. Usually in low grades.

BREEN PLATE

BOWER'S "TUROFF SALE" OCT 1, 1976

$150-

VLACK PLATE OBV. 3 (1965)

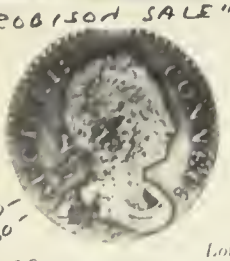
537 **1786 Large Head Facing Right.** 3-D.1 (R-4). Fine. Dark and lightly porous planchet. Small minting clip at right edge. One of the finest known specimens of this popular and highly desired issue. Virtually a twin, condition-wise, to the *Guide Book* plate coin.

$150-

COIN WORLD ENCY. PLATE, 1990

C.211. **1786 Copper:** Large mailed bust right, same maker. M 3-D.1

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982



SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT # 35

150-230-

WHT. 124.2 GR.

Lot No. 114

R. MARTIN – D. MENCHELL

114 **1786 Mailed Bust Right.** M.3-D.1. The rare Large Head type. Well struck and centered on a dark brown planchet. Minor porosity and a rim clip at 12 o'clock. Still one of the best known. **Fine or better.**

$230-

3-D.1

EXTREMELY RARE 1786 MILLER 3-D.1

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988 OECHSNER TO BILL ANTON

Lot No 1042

NICE AU/UNC 55/60

(Enlarged) (Enlarged)

1042 **1786 Miller 3-D.1.** Mailed bust right. **(High R-5).** 155.3 grains. **Mint State,** soft centers with granularity on the face on lower half of Liberty. Traces of fading red in the hair and around the obverse legend. Sharp legends and date. Nicer than the EAC or Taylor coins. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$12,100

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 15, 1979

1141 1786 Connecticut, M.3-D.1, (R-6). The very rare type with Large Head Facing Right. Good, with an attempted puncture at 12 o'clock. WHT. 149.3 GR.

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1786 Large head facing right. 3-D.1 (R-4). Very Good $45.00; F-VF, sharp. A topnotch specimen of this elusive design type RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971 ..... 125.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1786 Large head right. 3,D.1. (R-4). VG $29.00; Fine RCR #7, 9/70 72.00

1786 3-D. Head right. Fine RCR #15 AUG, 1972 ..... 79.00

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT, 1981

1786 CONN. M.3-D.1, High R-6. Identifiable Fair-2 ..... 130.00

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1786 Copper, Large head facing right N Y C Mint M.3-D 1. Obverse Very fine/Fine reverse 150 00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

3-D.1	1786	VG/VG	R5	Planchet clip; cutter mark
3-D.1	1786	F-/F-	R6	
3-D.1	1786	F-/VG	R6+	
3-D.1	1786	VG+/VG-	R5	Thin planchet

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

6) 1786 M.3-D.1 Very Fine (30-35). Well centered and struck. A few superficial hairling scratches across top of obverse head. Smooth light olive brown color and surfaces. -C

7) 1786 M.3-D.1 Very Good/Fine. Some planchet roughness and porosity Reverse slightly off center affecting tops of INDE. Dark olive brown color. *

3-D.1

SAN DIEGO SHOW 'D LINETT' AUG 31, 1990

2447 **1786 Miller 3-D.1, High R-5, Choice Fine.** A pleasing dark olive-brown with an attractive overall appearance. A touch of microscopic porosity on the reverse as is typical with this issue. A major type variety rarely encountered and worth a premium bid for this attractive specimen. Two tiny edge clips noted, but insignificant. Similar and not too distant in quality from the Red Book plate (bottom of page 39).....(250-350)

$253.00

$253

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

135 — 1786 Miller 3–D.1. Rarity 4. Dark brown Fine. Large Head, largest of the year. Perfectly centered with full date and completely free of flaws or damage. Struck on a porous planchet. An excellent specimen. (PDV). PAINTED DIE VARIETY

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BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 28, 1988

2478 Group of coppers: 1786 Connecticut. M 3-D.1. AG-3/Fair-2. Rarity-5. 120.7 grains. 28mm. 155°. Very porous; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

STACK'S SALE JUNE 19, 1980

1786 M.3-D.1 (Rarity 4). Good. 2 pieces. LOT # 14 1 OF 2 PIECES

3-D.1

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #2 FEB, 1989

63 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 3-D.1. Mailed Bust Right, large head. High Rarity 5. 120.7 grains. Nearly Very Good, porous. A naked-eye type coin; the majority of specimens known are in the About Good-Fine range, with apparently just two pieces above Very Fine. This specimen is a perfectly acceptable example of this rare variety. Ex Norweb collection. LOT # 2478 GRADED AG 3 / FAIR 2 ..... $49

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1153 1786 Connecticut copper. M 3-D.1. Mailed Bust Right. 114.4 grains. Rarity-5+. VG-8. Pale golden brown high points, light olive surfaces. Both sides granular and rough; deep obverse flaw in the center. Tiny planchet cutter clip on the obverse at 8:00. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2342. NOT TOO BAD OK $165

Ex Ryder Collection. Ticket accompanies this lot. Called "Good" by Ryder.

RED BOOK PLATE (1981)

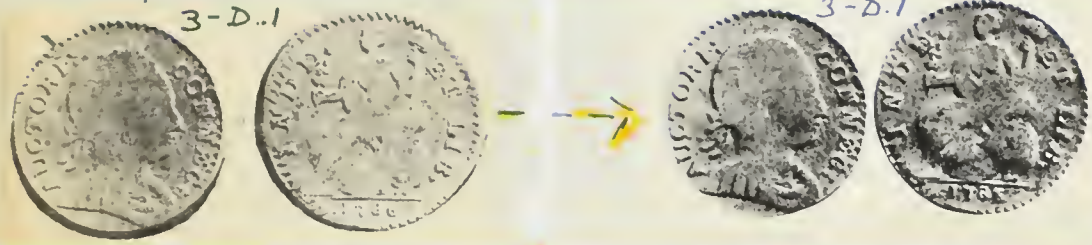
MILLER PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1832 1786. Head r. AUCTORI: CONNEC: Rx. INDE. ET LIB. V. small date. C. 3-D. Rarity 4. Good. $50

CROSBY PLATE (1875) 3-D.1

STANDARD CATALOGUE (1947) 3-D.1



COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

LOT # 1221 1786 M.3.D.1. Large head facing right. Very Good but porous. ~~4 pieces.~~ 1 OF 4 PIECES

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991 HESSBERG

1349 1786 Miller 3-D.1 (High R-5). 152 grains. Mailed bust right, very large head, Liberty seated far to left. Even wear, light brown-tan. Very Good. GOOD COLOR RIM BRUISE OVER "D" REV. 622 50 30/475

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1983

1786 3-D.1 (R6) Very porous, very scarce G $17.50

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

157 Pair of 1786 Connecticut coppers: ☆ ~~M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-2. 131.3 grains. Medium tan, with a small fissure beneath the A in AUCTORI and an edge crack, as struck, at 1:00 relative to the obverse. Evidence of clashed dies can be seen above the effigy's head on the obverse, where the reverse date line is plainly evident. All legends fully on the planchet~~ ☆ M 3-D.1. Mailed Bust Right. G-4/AG-3. High Rarity-5. 90.2 grains. Pitted surfaces with an edge cut at 9:00 on the obverse. (Total: 2 pieces) 143 00

NORMAN PETERS LIST OCT, 1980

1786 3-D.1, R6 LARGE HEAD RIGHT G/VG A VERY SCARCE VAR. $140.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

29 1786 Large Head Right, M-3-D-1. Good or better. A rare type coin. 175.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT, 1982

18 1786 Mailed Bust Right, M.3-D.1, the Large Head type. Good. Date and all designs and legends clear. Very rare as a type, probably two to three dozen of the type exist 125.00

DAVID SONDERMIN LIST, 1979?

1786 Bust Right, Large Head, M.3-D.1, (R-4), Good, struck on a cut down planchet, date and all legends readable, a very rare type coin..... 90.00

3-D.1

SERIAL NO. 75

JAMES ATLEE'S IMITATION BRITISH HALFPENCE GARY TRUDGEN

Connecticut
Miller 3-D.1 of 1786

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER SERIAL NO. #74 SEPT, 1986
VOL. 26; NO. 3 P. 94

Figure 8: 1786 Very Large Head Right from the Rahway mint, engraved by James F. Atlee. It is speculated that the Vermont Ryder-Richardson-9 was copied from this piece (see Plate XII, figure 2). Illustrated is Miller 3-D.1, 131.8 grains.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN, 1992

RARE MILLER 3-D.1
Mailed Bust Right Type

51. 1786 Connecticut, Miller 3-D.1. High Rarity-5. 90.2 grains. Good/About Good, about three-quarters of the obverse legends visible, just IB. and the micro-sized date visible on the reverse. Medium brown and evenly rough surfaces, more so on the reverse than the obverse, and with a small planchet crack at K-9. Not a very attractive specimen, but an extremely sought after variety, one of the scarcer Mailed Bust Right 1786 issues, and, almost never seen in decent condition; Taylor's was only a VG/F, while Norweb's was an AG/Fair and porous specimen. The finest known, the Unc. Oechsner specimen brought a whopping $12,100. The Hessberg coin, a VG/G, was only slightly better and still realized $522.50 in heated floor competition; this example is available for quite a bit less than that, and, we fully expect multiple orders at our price of.....$229

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #12 1997 LOT #85

3-D.1; ex: Dr. Hall; ink on edge; 165.5 gr
ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.3-D.1
VERY FINE, DARK
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

1786 M.3-D.I "Large Head" Good. Everything legible; relatively smooth dark brown planchet. large curved clip. 11-12 O'CLOCK WHT. 130.5 GR. R. MARTIN - J. ROCK APRIL, 198

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1991
4.1786 Large Head Right, M.3-D.1, 143.5 grains. Fine, moderately porous medium brown surfaces with an old scratch on the face. Bold date and full legends. A major type that is very hard to locate in any condition; Rarity-5. 200.00

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1988
3. 1786 Large Head Right, M.3-D.1. Fine, lightly granular surfaces, otherwise problem-free. Well centered on a dark brown planchet: a rare type.... 250.00

3-D.1

STACK'S PRIVATELY JAN, 1982 - ROBERT MARTIN COLL.

1786 M.3-D.I "Large Head" Very Fine. Well centered and struck on a smooth chocolate brown planchet. Trace of porosity on reverse figure. ondition census? WHT. 144.3 GR.

DAVID SONDERMAN PRIVATELY JAN, 1979/TO R. MARTIN TO J. ROCK APRIL, 1985
1786 3-D.1. VERY GOOD. SMOOTH DARK BROWN. LARGE CURVED "CLIP" AT 11 O'CLOCK TO 1 O'CLOCK POSITION OBVERSE. WHT. 130.5 GRAINS.

ROGER GEARY PRIVATELY 2/14/86 TO R. MARTIN TO D. MITUZAS 3/3/87
1786 3-D.1 - FINE. STRUCK ON A BROAD FLAN. DARK BROWN SURFACES WITHOUT DEFECTS. WHT. 118.85 GRAINS.

1786 3-D.1 WHT. 118.85 GRAINS
FINE. CLEAN DARK BROWN SURFACES. BROAD PLANCHET
R. MARTIN 3/3/87 - D. MITUZAS

1786 M.3-D.1 Wht.133.6 Grains. VG/Fine Details. Charcoal Brown.
Some Roughness. Missing 'ET' On Reverse.
Don Mituzas

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

*944 **1786 M.3-D.1. Mailed Bust Left.** Large Head variety. Rarity 5. Overall Fine, appearance not as strong but sharpness in places of VF. 96.7 gns. Even, orange-brown in color. Fields only microscopically granular; centers rough and pitted in places, obverse bust not struck up. Broad struck from clashed dies, the coin a full 29.0mm in diameter! Nicer than most known, which usually grade VG, or so. Two high VF's are among the finest known, for example. OK

325
625
687

944

DON MITUZAS COLL.

TOTALS - APPROXIMATELY 45 SPECIMENS LISTED. SOME MAY BE DUPLICATES. OTHERS SEEN, NOT LISTED; MOSTLY IN LOW GRADES. NOV 25, 1991

3-D.1

STACK'S SALE DEC 1-2, 1993

817 275/ 450 495 **1786 M.3-D.1.** Mailed Bust Left. Large Head variety. Rarity 5. **Fine.** 142.6 gns. Olive brown. Obverse surface quite rough and pitted, reverse smoother. Full types, legends, and date. This variety is usually found in Very Good and lower grades.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

111 160/ 425 475 **1786 M.3-D.1.** MBR. High R-5. Good to Very Good. 151.4 gns. Orange tan, several edge dents, reverse slide marks. Late reverse state; ~~M.5.1-H.1. Mailed Bust Left. R-5. Sharpness of Strong-Very Fine in places, center and left obverse soft due to failure there. 123.3 gns. Dark olive, traces of verdigris, rim flaw at date.~~ 2 pieces. GOOD COLOR

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3185 209 **1786 M 3-D.1.** Mailed Bust Right. VG-8/G-6. High Rarity-5. 130.6 grains. Die alignment: 160°. A scarce and popular variety. Chocolate brown surfaces display some faint porosity and light scratches, with patches of green patina on the reverse. A pronounced planchet cutter lip on the obverse rim from 7:00 to 12:00. J. ROCK

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#10 SPRING, 1995

THE RARE AND POPULAR MILLER 3-D.1
LARGE "BABY HEAD" FACING RIGHT

88 1786 Connecticut, Miller 3-D.1. High Rarity-5. 130.6 grains. Fine/Very Good, the reverse as always seen a bit weaker than the obverse. This one has a nice strike, with the obverse legends complete and some design detail apparent on the bust. The reverse is weak at the absolute center, as well as at ET; the rest of the legends and the important micro-date are bold and sharp. Beautiful mahogany brown surfaces, the obverse slightly glossy and quite hard. The reverse has a few small greenish spots around Liberty's head and her branch hand, though none are all that serious. Some ancient hairline obverse scratches are toned down to the color of the coin and do not disturb. An amazingly difficult variety to locate in any grade! The obverse has an extremely large, round head facing right while the reverse has a tall and anorexic figure of Liberty. A distinct type coin in the series and one that is rarely available in anything approaching nice condition. The Taylor coin was VG/F, Norweb's was AG/Fair and porous while the Hessberg coin was just VG/G and still realized $522.50 in heated floor competition. The finest known, the superb Unc. Oechsner specimen brought a whopping $12,100 and quickly became the centerpiece of an outstanding collection of Connecticut coppers! This one will prove difficult—if not impossible—to upgrade at any time soon, even with the offer of a lot more money than we're asking for this! EX. BOWER'S "M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994 LOT #3185 AT $209" $429

Numismatic myth has it that the designer of the Baby Head Vermont copper, Ryder 9, used this variety of Connecticut copper as a model. While there are some extremely superficial design similarities such as the curve of the truncation of the bust, there are far more differences which suggests that the similarities may have just been a coincidence.

1786 3-D.1 Wht. 152.3 Grains. Choice Fine.
R. Martin Coll. Via E. P. Newman March 5, 1994.

3-D.1

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

33 **1786 M.3-D.1. MBR.** Large Head. High R-5. Fine, obverse flawed in center. 148.1 gns. Olive brown. Clip 11:00 obverse rim. Fairly well centered. Obverse failing wreath tip to right rim beside; heavy central reverse failure, clashed in lower right. OK FINE OK COLOR SMALL CLIP

300-
550-
605-

From the Chapman brothers inventory in 1891. Round ticket with circle H accompanies this lot. T. RINALDO

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

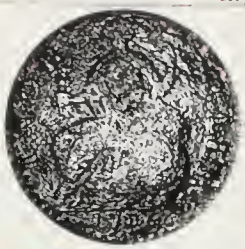
35 **1786 M.3-D.1. MBR.** R-5+ (traditional, probably really R-5). Large Head variety. Fine, quite granular and rough in the center of the obverse and top of reverse. 124.1 gns. Dark olive-brown. Old reverse pin scratches, rim nick at base of obverse, planchet cutter clip above effigy's head. Die states about as Taylor:2342.

200-
275-
302.50

We have seen 25 M.3-D.1's, so we prefer a R-5 rarity rating over the traditional R-5+.

EX STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982 LOT # 114

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995



325-
520-
572.50

121. M4 1786 CONNECTICUT M.3-D.1 MBR (High R-5) VG10 125.3 gns. The Large Head Facing Right Red Book type. Another variety known for weak central strikes, and which is usually found in low grades. Very even deep olive brown. The surfaces are granular and rough but remarkably glossy under the circumstances giving this coin much nicer eye appeal than might be imagined from this description. The legends and date are crisp. This coin is comparable in grade to the Hessberg and Taylor coins, much nicer than the AG Norweb example. The condition census includes at least 2 VF's and the amazing Oechsner coin which was Mint State. Reverse rotated 315 degrees. Ex-Coin Galleries 11/10/87 lot 1694 (ticket included).

1786 M.3-D.1 WHT 141.2 GRAINS. Bill ANTON STOCK Nov 1997.

3-D.1

Dick August Collection Nov 4, 1999
1786 3-D.1 Choice Very Fine/Extremely Fine (35/40).
Smooth light brown planchet. 2nd finest known

1786 3-D.1 ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

3-D.1

3 - D. 4

Var. 4. Periods in line with base of letter. Branch-hand opposite space between N and D. Top leaf slants to right and points to base of E. Date line double. Figures of date all considerably below the line, except the 6 which is less distant.

3 D4

MILLER DESCRIPTION

PINE TREE E.A.C. SALE FEB 15, 1975

ONE OF 3 KNOWN EAC'75

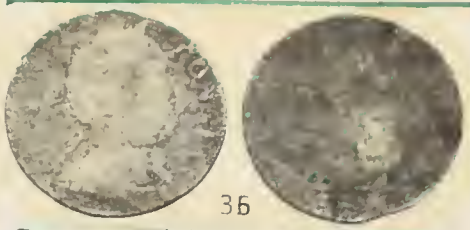
36 1786. M. 3.–D.4. Almost R–8. Similar but B. close to base line. **Devices suggest a grade of Good,** but weakly struck so that AUCTORI and INDE cannot be read; 786 show, but the 1 and end of Ms. Liberty's foot are covered by an **unpublished, unique, immense rim break** (commonly called a "cud") which doubtless accounts for the immediate discard and extreme rarity of this die. Rough dark green and steel; small mint clip above head. Besides the present coin we know only the Miller Plate example, which is also very worn, and the similar ANS piece; one other is rumored. **No auction record in any grade. (Photo)** **($200.–up)** $135 —

$135

MILLER PLATE 'ANS COLL.'

SEE COLOR PHOTO

REV D4



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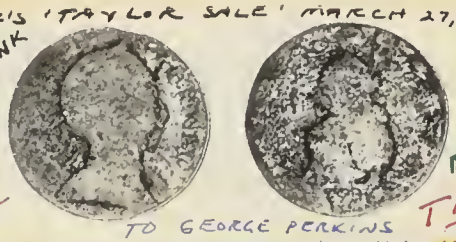
BOWERS 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

DARK GUNK UGH! BUT RARE



$220 —

TO GEORGE PERKINS

EAC'75 TAYLOR

2344 1786 Connecticut. M 3-D.4. Mailed Bust Right. 114.8 grains. Rarity-7. AG-3. Porous and rough, with attendant lack of detail. Large reverse rim cud, which partially obscures the date, a primary cause for the original lack of detail on the obverse. Dark green with lighter highlights. Rim clip above head. Usual condition for this rarity, we have no other recent auction records.

From the Pine Tree E.A.C. Convention Sale, February 1975, Lot 36.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985 SEE COLOR PHOTO

8) 1786 M.3-D.4 Fair. Double bend in flan causing "AUCTORI" to be obscured; "INDE" weak on reverse. Interesting white in "UNIQUE" at top of head (12 o'clock).

ANS COLL.

SEE MILLER PLATE

REV. D4 MILLER PLATE

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA P. 67 (1988)

746 1786 Tallest head, colons in obv. legends. Very rare. Miller 3-D.1 (ill.), 3-D.4 (similar, B close to exergue, much rarer). 106–173 grs. = 6.87–11.2 gms., heaviest and lightest being 3-D.1's. Usually in low grades.

MARK POULIN COLLECTION FEB, 1991

SEE COLOR PHOTO BACK PAGE

3-D.4

1786 3-D.4 MARK POULIN COLLECTION

DISCOVERED FEB, 1991

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

1786 MILLER 3-D.4

~~High Rarity 7~~ RARITY 8
3 KNOWN

The Finest Known to Us

NOTE → ANS & MILLER PLATE SAME COIN
FINEST

2600-
10,500-
11,550-

Lot No. 36

TO ROBERT MARTIN

36 **1786 M.3-D.4. MBR. R-7+.** Large Head variety. **Nice Fine, the Finest Known to us.** 133.9 gns. Even, steel gray-brown. Both surfaces micro-granular, visible to the unaided eye. Pronounced planchet cutter lip at left obverse rim; planchet cutter clip there, too, above AUC. Tiny linear flaw above effigy's head, two others along jaw line. Minuscule rim nick above T on reverse. **Extremely rare:** we know of only four specimens, this; ANS (VG); Taylor:2344, ex EAC '75:36 (AG); Miller plate reverse coin (AG-VG?). This presently offered piece appears to us to be finer than any of the other three. In addition, it is only the second example to be offered for public sale in 20 years. Die states as the Taylor coin's, more obvious on this piece due to its higher grade, with a pronounced rim cud on reverse covering Liberty's feet and the first numeral of the date.

1786 3-D.4 NO. OF SPECIMENS LISTED. (3) NOV 25, 1991

1) GEORGE PERKINS - BOWERS' TAYLOR SALE' 3/27/87 #2344 (PLATE) - PINE TREE' EAC'75 SALE' 2/15/75 #36 (PLATE).

2) ANS COLLECTION - MILLER PLATE SPECIMEN

3) MARK POULIN, (CONN), DISCOVERED FEB, 1991 - STACK'S SALE 6/14/95 LOT # 36 (PLATE) - R. MARTIN

3-D.4

1786 M.3-D.4 FINE. FINEST KNOWN
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION
EX STACK'S SALE JUNE 14,1995 LOT#36 (PLATE)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN. 1985

8) 1786 M.3-D.4 Fair. Double bend in flan causing "AUCTORI" to be obscured; "INDE" weak on reverse. Interesting white ink "UNIQUE" at top of head (12 o'clock). SEE MILLER PLATE TEXT SPECIMEN

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

3 - D. 4

3-D.5

DELETE

Obverse 3. Last line, 3—D^5 (R^6) should be inserted.

1786 Reverse D. Var. 5. This variety is represented by a brass casting which shows that it was recut on the letters IND, and on the milling that touches the tops of all the letters INDE. This piece shows the full device and is so small that it will lie within the milling of D^1. No original copy of this variety is known. 3—D^5 (R^6)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1925

9) 1786 M.3-D.5 Obverse Good with an attempted puncture at center of head. Reverse weaker with "ET L" obscured. Cast like flan with a corresponding hole from attempted puncture. Some illegbible lettering on reverse. Notation on back of box "Cast evidently from 3-D.1"

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1247
J. ROCK

DELETIONS:

3-D.5 -- Although not listed by Miller, it was listed by Canfield and Ryder in *Additions and Corrections*. The Canfield coin, now in the A.N.S., is actually a very early cast copy of **3-D.1**, with the minor differences having occurred in the casting process.

DELETION

3-D.5

"COMPANY FOR COINING COPPERS"
MAILED BUST LEFT DESIGN

Dies from complete hubs (legends and dates included by Abel Buel, hand finished by workman, who added the colons and ornaments. (The first two obverses here offered have no colons.) Some dies have heavy serrated borders added in an attempt to strengthen the weak fine details in the hub. The whole subject was lucidly treated by James C. Spilman in Colonial Newsletter, no. 39, Feb. 1974, pp. 423–434.

THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MARCH, 1964 P. 27

4.1-C

4.1-C

Miller stated, "Mr. Crosby gives this combination, but no specimen of it has been located", hence he omitted it from his listing. It is uncertain who rediscovered the coin after it had dropped out of sight some time between 1875 and 1920. In any event, W. H. Breen listed the combination in 1951 and made rubbings of its reverse. (MAM, P. 16). The writer reported in 1961 Breen's brief numismatic description of this new reverse C because at that time the coin itself could not be located. (CNL, Vol. II, No. 2, P. 1). Since then, the coin has been examined and weighed at 151.6 grains. Photographs were taken but they may not be reproduced. One specimen located: Private collector (TAYLOR)

Vol. 2 CNL APRIL, 1961 Serial No. 3 No. 2

"The other is rev. C of 1786, which is known from only a single combination, 4.1-C. Concerning it, Miller wrote, "Mr. Crosby gives this combination, but no specimen of it has been located." Fortunately, W. H. Breen has verified the existence of this variety and made pencil rubbings of it, but its present location is likewise unrecorded. His original manuscript description of unpublished rev. C of 1786 is as follows:

"Branch is distinctive, all upper leaves disconnected, others practically so. Note fold of drapery over shield. Some parallels of latitude extend down to the denticles. Letter B touches the shield; colon and date very close."

BOWER' TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2345 **1786 Connecticut. M 4.1-C. Mailed Bust Left.** 151.1 grains. 180°. **Rarity-9, unique.** AG-3. Medium golden brown, smooth, non-porous surfaces. A worn, UC soft but legible, EC worn, but enough detail to establish the obverse as 4.1 (tops of letters touch denticles). E I T I IB also worn, with final colon visible (last dot on shield). **First auction appearance of this variety.**

#825

Obtained from Richard Picker.

TAYLOR

M 4.1-C is presently unique (another is rumored, but unverified). The combination was not recorded by Miller, as he relied upon a description of Reverse C supplied earlier by Sylvester Crosby. Miller had not located a specimen of Reverse C. This specimen was published by Edward R. Barnsley in his "Miller's Connecticut Listings Updated" in *The Colonial Newsletter* (March, 1964), pp. 17-49 (seq. 76-108). We quote from that description:

"4.1-C. Miller stated, "Mr. Crosby gives this combination, but no specimen of it has been located", hence he omitted it from his listing. It is uncertain who rediscovered the coin after it had dropped out of sight sometime between 1875 and 1920. In any event, W. H. Breen listed the combination in 1951 and made rubbings of its reverse. (M.A.M., p. 16.) The writer reported in 1961 Breen's brief numismatic description of this new Reverse C because at that time the coin itself could not be located. (C.N.L., vol. II, no. 2, p. 1.) Since then, the coin has been examined and weighed at 151.6 grains. Photographs were taken but they may not be reproduced. One specimen located: private collector."

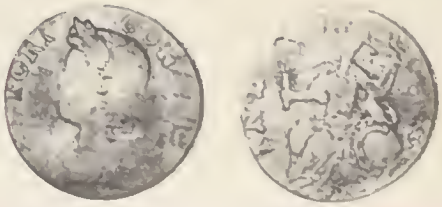
This specimen appears to be the one described by Breen and Barnsley, although the piece is not accompanied by any pedigree notes or references from Picker that Breen had taken a rubbing of the reverse from this coin. As quoted in Barnsley's letter to *The Colonial Newsletter* (April 1961), vol. II, no. 2, his description reads: "Branch is distinctive, all upper leaves disconnected, others practically so. Note fold of drapery over shield. Some parallels of latitude extend down to the denticles. Letter B touches the shield; colon and date very close."

SEE BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE MAY 29, 1992 LOT # 1016

Unique 1786 M 4.1-C

ABT GOOD GOOD COLOR FOR THE GRADE

SMOOTH REDDISH TAN



4.1-C

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1246 J-ROCK

4.1-C -- Although listed by both Sylvester Sage Crosby and Dr. Thomas Hall (in his later notebook), Miller could not locate a specimen and dropped it from his listing. It surfaced again in the late 1940's and Walter Breen made rubbings of the reverse in 1951. A description was published by Ned Barnsley in *The Colonial Newsletter*, Volume II, Number 2. Two examples known, the one Breen made the rubbing from (whereabouts unknown) and the coin sold as part of the F. B.Taylor collection.

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

Unique 1786 M 4.1-C

EX. TAYLOR LOT # 2345

3500 - BOOK

$3,850

1016 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-C. Mailed Bust left. AG-3. Rarity-9, believed to be unique!** 151.4 grains. Medium golden brown, smooth, non-porous surfaces. A in AUCTORI worn, UC soft but legible, EC in CONNEC worn, but enough detail to establish the obverse as 4.1 (tops of letters touching the denticles). E ET LIB also worn, with final colon visible (last dot on shield). Out of the market since our sale of the Taylor Collection, the appearance of M 4.1-C here affords the advanced specialist in the Connecticut copper series an opportunity that may not occur again for in his or her lifetime.

Obtained from Richard Picker. From our sale of the Taylor Collection, March 1987, Lot 2345. AT $825.00

M 4.1-C is presently unique (another is rumored, but unverified). The combination was not recorded by Miller, as he relied upon a description of Reverse C supplied earlier by Sylvester Crosty. Miller had not located a specimen of Reverse C. This specimen was published by Edward R. Barnsley in his "Miller's Connecticut Listings Updated," in *The Colonial Newsletter* (March 1964), pp. 17-49 (seq. 76-108). We quote from that description:

4.1-C Miller stated, "Mr. Crosby gives this conbination, but no specimen of it has been located," hence he omitted it from his listing. It is uncertain who rediscovered the coin after it had dropped out of sight sometime between 1875 and 1920. In any event, W.H. Breen listed the combination in 1951 and made rubbings of its reverse. (M.A.M., p. 16.) The writer reported in 1961 Breen's brief numismatic description of this new Reverse C because at that time the coin irself could not be located. (C.N.L., vol. II, no. 2, p. 1.) Since then, the coin has been examined and weighed at 151.6 grains. Photographs were taken but they may not be reproduced. One specimen located: private collector.

This specimen appears to be the one described by Breen and Barnsley, although the piece is not accompanied by any pedigree notes or reference from Picker that Breen had taken a rubbing of the reverse from this coin. As quoted in Barnsley's letter to *The Colonial Newsletter* (April 1961), vol. II, no. 2, his description reads: "Branch is distinctive, all upper leaves disconnected, others practically so. Note fold of drapery over shield. Some parallels of latitude extend down to the denticles. Letter B touches the shield; colon and date very close."

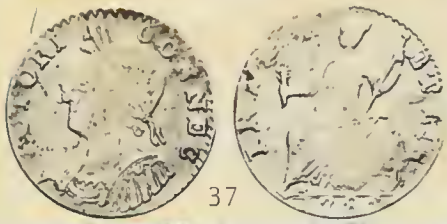
4.1-G

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

37* **1786. M. 4.1-G.** R-2. No obv. colons; coarse serrations touch many letters on both sides. **Excellent light tan surfaces with remnants of faded mint lustre around letters, suggesting EF or better;** usual uneven strike, **some details suggesting EF, others VF.** Advanced die failures in r. rev. field, unknown to Miller. Obv. rev. rim abrasion, trivial obv. planchet lamination defects, as made. Finer than lot 325, New Netherlands 60th sale, or the Dr. Hall coin in their 51st sale; sharper than the "AU" in the Bowers April 1972 list; **better than any other auctioned in recent years.** Apparently one of several from the Stepney Hoard; just makes the Condition Census. **(Photo)** ~~$130~~ **($100.–140.)**

$130

* Bids accepted by mail only. EAC '75



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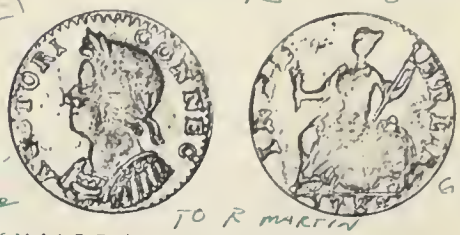
BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1970

Attractive 1786 M 4.1-G Copper

The Pine Tree/EAC Coin

EAC '75 CONDITION CENSUS



100-
400-
495.00

GOOD COLOR

TO R MARTIN

5657 **1786 M 4.1-G. Rarity-2. VF-35,** glossy fields, some areas with EF sharpness. Minor obverse planchet flaws; traces of old verdigris from long storage in PVC flip. 137.5 grains. States equivalent to Taylor 2346.

Ex Pine Tree/EAC (2/75), 37. AT 130.00

The Taylor coin, Lot 2346, was clearly superior in quality to this example, despite the present writer's comments in that description! This underscores the perils of creating Condition Censuses from auction catalogue plates.

PINE TREE EAC '75 SALE FEB 15, 1975

330* **1786. "Company for Coining Coppers." Mailed Bust Left.** M. 4.1-G. No obv. colons; coarse serrations touch many of the letters on both sides; R-2. Advanced rev. die failures. **Some details VG, the rest Good,** everything legible, no notable defects. **(Photo) ($50.–up)**

$52

*Bids accepted by mail only. EAC '75

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.4.1-G
VERY FINE+, Dark

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

70 1786. Mailed bust l., no colons on obv.; coarse saw-tooth serrations. **M. 4.1-G.** (Westville Mint, as are all to follow except as noted.) Strictly Extremely Fine; struck upon a fine, smooth flan, patinated to an attractive steel and brown. Two or three peripheral nicks of little importance on a coin of this exceptional quality. Advanced reverse die failure, unknown to Miller. Edge marked with Hall attribution in white paint (like many others in this offering), presumably by Dr. Hall himself. An important opportunity! **($30.00)**

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Pedigreed 1786 M 4.1-G

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE XF45
SMOOTH
OLIVE BROWN
GOOD STRIKE

HALL
TAYLOR

$577.50 TO R. MARTIN

2346 **1786 Connecticut. M 4.1-G. Mailed Bust Left.** 141.1 grains. Rarity-2. **EF-45.** Among the finest known, marginally a little less fine than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen, although this has a full obverse legend. Smooth, medium golden brown surfaces with a wealth of detail in the effigy's hair and wreath. Dies apparently injured at the start of the obverse legend, accounting for the lack of detail on the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen, and the filling in E of INDE on the reverse. Sharply drawn and struck up reverse, full longitudinal and latitudinal lines. Attribution number painted on the edge.

Ex Dr. Hall; New Netherlands 51st Sale (June 1958), Lot 70.

2347 **1786 Connecticut. M 4.1-G. Mailed Bust Left.** 141.8 grains. Rarity-2. VG-8. A second example from these dies, and in about the same die state. Deep wedge-shaped fissure extending from the rim to the effigy's neck on the obverse. Dark brown, some porosity.

$33

TAYLOR

BOWER'S '1st NAT'L BANK DENVER' JUNE 22-23, 1967

2029 1786 Connecticut. M 4.1-G. 141.8 grains. Rarity-2. VG-8. Deep wedge-shaped fissure extending down from the rim to the effigy's neck identifies the piece. Lightly porous.

71

BOWER'S 'TUCOFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

538 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 4.1-G (R-2). Very Fine. Small punch mark in obverse field.

25

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

406 1786 CONNECTICUT, M.4.1-G, Mailed Bust Left, R-2, Fine. A pleasing medium brown with lighter highpoints. A couple of minor planchet defects on both obverse and reverse . . . . . ($0-100)

104

COIN GALLERIES SALE JUNE 5, 1980

1430 1786 Connecticut, M.4.1-G, (R-2). Mailed Bust left. Strong Very Fine or better. Scarce this nice. NICE

151

4.1-G

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1962

115 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.4.1-G. From our February 4, 5, 1977 sale, lot 25, described as, "(An) excellent early Connecticut, almost perfectly centered. A sharply struck coin with full date, ornament, and punctuation. An even light brown. Very Fine." NICE
$300

SEE BOWER'S "G. KENWALD JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995 LOT# 2108 AT $990

STACK'S "F.H. ALLEN" FEB 4, 1977

25 1786 Miller 4.1-G. Mailed bust facing left. Another excellent early Connecticut, almost perfectly centered. A sharply struck coin with full date, ornament, and punctuation. An even light brown. Very Fine.
$150

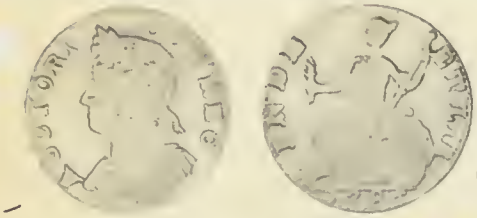
COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986 NICE FINE

1337 1786 M.4.1-G (R-2). Very Good, close to Fine; medium olive green toning, FULL date. 55 —
55

STACK'S SALE JAN 31, 1969

42 1786 Miller 4.1-G. Rarity 2. Mailed bust facing left. Very Fine. A very deep brown, almost black patination. Though the reverse side of the planchet is slightly rough, all devices are sharp and clear. A common variety but an excellent type coin. $25 —

BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

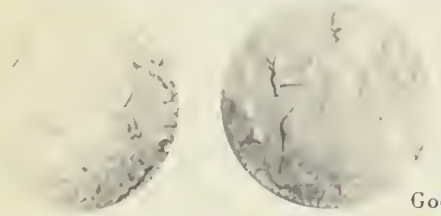


$110 —

617 1786 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-G. Mailed Bust left. Very Fine. Details indistinct at centers as always seen. A superb example of this issue. Seldom seen finer or, for that matter, as nice.

BOWER'S 'PRINCETON-INGLE' SEPT 8-9, 1986

729 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.1-G. Fine to Very Fine, with several flaws visible on the reverse. Struck on a dark brown planchet 38.50



BOWER'S RCR #14 APR, 1972

Good $16.00;

1786 4.1-G (R-2). Mailed bust left. Normal reverse legend. Fair $8.00; Very Good $26.00; Fine $37.50; Very Fine $65.00; AU, some striations. A beautiful example of this variety 199.00

1786 Mailed bust left. 4.1-G as preceding. Sharply double struck. VG RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT. 1970 .... 35.00

1786 Mailed bust left. 4.1-G. (R-2). Fair $8.00; Good $12.00; VG $25.00; Fine RARE COIN REVIEW #7. SEPT. 1970 ... 34.00

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT# 2478 M 4.1-G. F-15 to VF-20. Rarity-2. 148.9 grains. 27.9mm. 180°. Usual softness at the start of the obverse legend, reverse rim clip at 12:00.
1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1222 1786 M.4.1-G. Mailed bust left. Very Good, some light porosity; ~~M.5.4-O.1.~~ Good, ~~weak strike. Glossy deep brown; M.5.5-M (2). About Good. One with a planchet clip at the right obverse; M.5.9-Q (R-5). About Good; M.5.11-R (R-5). Good, some light planchet defects.~~ 6 pieces.
165

AMWEST "V.I.P. SALE' NOV 19, 1981

26. 1786 Mailed Bust Left M-4.1 - G (R-2). Very Good. Attractive light ebony but a very irregular strike. Large bisecting obverse planchet defect. $30 —

55 ROSA AMERICANA FALL & SPRING, 1993

1786 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-G. Rarity-2 152.4 grains. Better than Very Fine, but struck on a typically flawed planchet. The legends and date are full and sharp which is nice as even some higher grade specimens, like the EAC '75 coin, come weak on one side or the other, the design details are also quite strong for the grade. The planchet flaws aren't as bad as normally seen, there are about three on either side, none all that deep or serious (and these were in the planchet before the coin was struck). There are some minor hairline scratches on the reverse, most of which aren't even noticeable without the aid of a magnifying glass. All in all, this is a really choice example of the variety, by far the nicest that we've ever handled, and one that is quite close to the tail end of the Condition Census as well! $189

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL" JULY 22, 1992

2609 **1786 M 4.1-G.** Mailed Bust Left. R-2. 141.8 gns. Fine, or so. Light orange tan. Planchet flawed across upper third of reverse. AUCT obverse, INDE reverse typically soft, the dies injured there early in their lives. VG/FINE DEFECTS
33.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5656 Pair of 1786 Bust Right and Bust Left "types": ☆ ~~M 2.1-A. Rarity-3. VF-20, flawed on both sides. 104.1 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2337~~ ☆ M 4.1-G. Rarity-2. VF-25, old reverse scratch. 148.6 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2346. (Total: 2 pieces) 1 OF 2 PIECES
110.00

BOWERS 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5370 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 4.1-G. Mailed Bust left. 119.6 grains. Rarity-2. F-12, obverse gouged through the field at 11:00. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2346/7. Deep olive. DARK
82.50

Ex Ryder Collection, earlier Dr. Hall, Brand. Hall ticket, Ryder envelope, accompany this lot.

BOWERS 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5371 1786 Connecticut copper. M4.1-G. Mailed Bust left. 129.5 grains. Rarity-2. F-12, several edge dents. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2346/7. Slightly bent. A second example of this variety. DARK
55

Ex Ryder Collection. Envelope accompanies this lot.

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1154 1786 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-G. Mailed Bust Left. 129.5 grains. F-15. Rarity-2. Pale golden brown high points, darker brown surfaces. Striated flan, noticeable on both sides. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2346.
$60.50

Ex Ryder Collection. Ticket accompanies this lot. Called "Fair" by Ryder.

NOTE → Hillyer Ryder's coin envelopes were made from cut up Putnam County National Bank of Carmel, New York deposit cards. Many of Ryder's envelopes can be immediately identified, even if one does not recognize the handwriting, by the Putnam County National Bank imprint inside the envelope, as on this specimen.

MID-AMERICAN 1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1112. ~~1786 Miller 2.1-A. Rarity 3. Good. Dark and lightly porous, with lighter high points. The obverse portrait is represented by a small, round head.~~ 1786 Miller 4.1-G. Rarity 2. Fine. An attractive example with a smooth brown obverse, and some reddish patination and some light scratches on the reverse. A tiny clip is visible at K-5 on the obverse. 127.0 grains. ~~1786 Miller 5.2.1. Rarity 3. Fine. Dull porous. The details suggest a grade of Very Fine.~~
45

A total of three coins in this lot.

4.1-G

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

4.1-G	1786	VG/G+	R2	Squareish edges
4.1-G	1786	AU/AU	R2	Weak strike on porous planchet
4.1-G	1786	F+/F+	R2	Striations obverse
4.1-G	1786	EF-/V	R2	
4.1-G	1786	F-/F-	R2	
4.1-G	1786	VF-/V	R2	
4.1-G	1786	F+/F+	R2	
4.1-G	1786	VG+/VG+	R2	Double struck.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
4.1-G 5213 (3) ABT GOOD(3)
9452 (50) ABT. UNC(50)

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986
2716 ~~Quartette of Connecticut coppers: (1). 1785 M 5-P.5. VF-20, dark, streaky, and porous planchet, (2). 1785 M 6.4-I. Fine-12 reverse/VG-8 reverse~~; (3). 1786. M 4.1-G. Fine-15, scratched; ~~(4). 1786 M 5.4-G. Fine-12~~. (Total: 4 pieces) 121 —

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
10) 1786 M.4.1-G Very Fine (30-35). Smooth light olive and brown. (CONGRESS 73 ?)
11) 1786 M.4.1-G Fine. Mottled medium brown. Rim bruise at 9 o'clock on reverse. White ink attribution on obverse (CONGRESS 73 ?).

NEW NETHERLANDS 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968
328 1786. Mailed bust l. M. 4¹-G. (Rarity 2). Fine to VF; usual uneven strike, rev. die severely rusted in field near ET LIB• It has two tiny obv. dig-like scratches above head and other old obv. and rev. scratches. 1 OF 2 PIECES
22 — OTHER 5.2-I

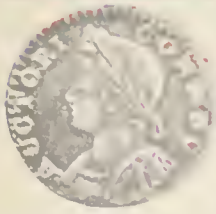
NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA' AUG. 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3
877 1786. Mailed bust l. M. 4¹-G. Almost Fine. $3.65

NEW NETHERLANDS 59TH SALE JUNE 13-15, 1967
380 1786. Mailed Bust left. M. 4¹-G (R-2). Fully Very Fine. Lot 2539 from B. Max Mehl's Golden Anniversary Sale, 1950. $27 —

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 28, 1976
24 1786 ~~ETLIB INDE, M #2.1-A~~ ~~-4) GOOD-6~~; Mailed Bust Left M #4.1-G (R-2) ALMOST D-3, dark. (Lot of 2 pieces).
$30 —

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990
31. 1786. Miller 4.1-G, Breen 747. Rarity-2. Mailed Bust Left, coarse serrated borders with no obverse colons. 148.9 grains, 28.0mm. Very Fine. Dark greyish-brown, with a few areas of lighter color on the reverse. Clean, glossy surfaces. Full legends and date, though AUC, as typical for the variety, is slightly weak. Small rim clip, visible only from the reverse, at K-12. A choice 1786 Issue.....$149

MILLER PLATE

RED BOOK PLATE (1971)


HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-29, 1920
1835 1786. Head l. AUCTORI CONNEC (no punctuation). Rx. INDE: .:. ET LIB., date large C. 4- (1). G. V.Fine. Plate. 3.00
2090 1786. C. 4-G. G. and one fine. 2 pcs. .40
2089 1786. ~~C. 1-A and 2-A~~, also 4-G. G. to Abt. F. 3 pcs. .38

HENRY GARRETT LIST, SPRING, 1982
1786 Mailed Bust Left, Fine +, M4.1-G..... 165.00

PAUL KAGIN LIST APR, 1984
1786 Copper Mailed Bust facing left M 4.1-G VG 25.00

4.1-G

BREEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA (1988)

II. COMPANY FOR COINING COPPERS,
Water St., New Haven

Mailed Busts Left

Designer, Engraver, Abel Buell. Mint, Water St., New Haven. Physical Specifications, Authorizing Act, as above.

Grade range and criteria as for 1785. In some dies, drapery details (rev.) are weak even at EXTREMELY FINE; grade by surface. Dies are completely hubbed (mechanically identical) except for punctuation, borders, some ornaments, berries in wreath, leaves in branch.

747 1786 Coarse serrated borders both sides. No obv. colons. M. 4.1-G.

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1990'S

32 1786 Miller 4.1-G, Mailed Bust Left. Very Fine or better $200.00

STACK'S SALE NOV 30, 1994

18 / 242 **Nice assortment of Connecticut type coins; 1786 Miller 4.1-G.** Rarity 2. Bust left. Rough Very Fine, scarcer date; ~~1787 M.15-F. CONNECT. R-4. Very Good/Fine, flawed; M.30-hh.1. ET LIB. R-2. Good Fine; M.34-ff.1. ET LIB. R-5. Fine, or so; M.38-GG. AUCI-GRI. R-3. Nearly Very Fine, soft in places.~~ 5 pieces.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 8, 1995

2978 **1786 Miller 4.1-G.** Mailed bust Left. Very Good/Good. 49.50 126.8 grains. Attractive even olive-brown, surfaces faintly granular, with a couple of typical planchet flaws. Struck from clashed dies; ~~1786 Miller 5.2-I (R-3). Mailed bust Left. Technically Very Fine. 139.9 grains. Dark olive brown, coarse-grained surfaces show deep planchet striae caused by impurities in the melted copper. Reverse rim is ragged where the striae meet the edge.~~ 2 pieces.

PINE TREE SALE JUNE 19, 1978

210 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** "Company for Coining Coppers." **M.4.1-G** (R-2). **Good,** with charcoal and dark brown patina, very late die state. ~~M.5.4-0.1. (R-2) Fine, peeling type lamination defect of central obv. M.5.5-M. (R-3) some details VG, most others G. M.5.10-L. (R-5) Very Good, rev. weak due to die failure. 4 Pcs.~~ 70

ALSO PINE TREE SALE JAN 8, 1977

N. PETERS LIST, OCT, 1981

1786 4-G AG/G. 8.50

D. LINETT (SAN DIEGO SHOW) OCT 14-15, 1988

1247 ~~1785~~ & 1786 CONNECTICUT LOT of FIVE. ~~Includes: 1785 M.2.4-F.1 (VG) & M.6.3-G.1 (VG) and~~ 1786, M 4.1-G (VG) - ~~M.5.3-N (Hercules Head) (Porous G+ with a split planchet) & M.5.8-O.2 (VG recolored). Sold "as is" as a lot, no return.~~ (5 coins).....(100-200)

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 15, 1995

10 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-G. Mailed Bust Left.** Very Good-Good. 65 **126.8 grains.** Attractive even olive-brown, surfaces faintly granular with a couple of typical planchet flaws, struck from clashed dies.

EARLY AMERICAN HIST. AUCT. APRIL 26, 1997

550 **1786 CT Copper, Mailed Bust Facing Left, PCGS graded VF-20.** Miller 4.1-G, Rarity 2. Light olive-tan colorations. The reverse shows some very minor roughness and the 6 of the date is half-off the planchet. Overall, a nice looking example of the variety and sub-type. ..... (375-450) 316

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 19, 1998

2518 **1786 Connecticut.** Miller.4.1-G. Very Good; ~~1787 M.15-S. "Fatal Break". Fine, holed.~~ 2 pieces.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL# 10 SPRING, 1995

91 1786 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-G, another. 115.3 grains. Fine/Very Good. Full legends, though with a few letters a bit weak on either side, as is the date. The reverse appears to be struck from a rather late state of the dies, with a large cud at the T of ET LIB, and some very noticable swelling and bulging around the peripheries; this is the first example we've seen of this die state in a long time. Medium brown surfaces, with an area of darker toning on the obverse, all quite free of post-striking damage. A very pleasing example.....$42

1786 M.4.I-G Very Good. Dark Brown with devices highlighted. Few small planchet defects. WGT. 129.1 GRAINS R. MARTIN 4/86 - H. RESCIGNO

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985

3. 1786 M.4.1-G. Very Good, light brown..... 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984

4. 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.4.1-G. Very Good, smooth light brown surfaces with a few typical planchet defects..... 20.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

9. 1786 Miller 4.1-G. Fine-12, R-2. Nice. Astrong fine with a full sharp date. Mailed Bust Left. $90

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #7 MAY, 1982

4. 1786 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-G, Mailed Bust Left, R-2, Very Good. Minor planchet defect on obverse but overall nice. $35

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

540 **1786.** Mailed Bust Left. "Company for Coining Coppers." **M.4.1-G** (R-2). **Good,** with charcoal and dark brown patina, very late die state. ~~M.5.4-O.1 (R-2) Fine, peeling type lamination defect of central obv.; no other noticeable defects. M.5.5-M (R-3) some details VG, most others G. M.5.10-L (R-5) Very Good, rev. weak due to die failure, usual bulb planchet flaws. (For comparison see respectively lots 17, 47, 48, and 52 in our Lot A-6 sale.)~~ 4 pcs. 80 ($300-360)

4.1-G

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

UNPUBLISHED 1786 MAILED BUST LEFT MULE

MIS-ATTRIBUTED 4.1-G

OFF CENTER OK

4.1-G

70-
140-

Lot No. 1366
(Enlarged)

H. DITMAR

MIS-ATTRIBUTED 4.1-G

1366 1786 Miller 5.11-G (Probable High R-7). 141 grains. Unlisted muling of the Mailed bust left, Miller 5.11 with reverse G. A die marriage not listed by Henry C. Miller in his original monograph published in the *American Journal of Numismatics* in 1919, nor in later editions of his work. Struck off-center, the obverse is framed by a bold sawtooth rim. AUCTORI CONNEC appears without any punctuation, the first A touching the bust. INDE shows filled E, and is followed by an extended cross stop made up of four closely placed dashes. Full date with broad rim below, 1 appearing as J, all digits touching partly double exergue line. No example of this mule appeared in any of the great colonial coin sales of recent years: not in Breen's Pine Tree-EAC sale of 1975, nor in the Roper, Picker, Garrett, Norweb or Taylor collections, all of which were highlighted by their definitive holdings of Connecticut material. An appealing deep glossy brown, bold in overall detail. Strong Fine. ***(SEE COLOR PLATE)***

$154.00

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1350 1786 Miller 4.1-G. 136 grains. Mailed bust left, white-ink numbers in obverse fields as Henry Miller used to record them. Deep glossy brown, well detailed and pleasing. Fine. TOO DARK HESSBERG

77.00

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

7211 1786 Connecticut copper. M 4.1-G. VF-20. 148.9 grains. Dark gray-brown, with areas of olive visible. Reddish encrustation clear on the reverse. Small rim clip at top of reverse. One or two obverse rim nicks. An example of the Mailed Bust Left variety for the budget-conscious collector.

25.30

1786 4.1-G WHT. ?

VF/XF
D. SONDERMAN 1979

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

945 1786 M.4.1-G. MBL. Rarity 2 (underrated, R-3 or R-4 would be more accurate). Strong Fine, nearly Very Fine, for sharpness. 137.8 gns. Dark olive. Linear flaw below and to right of bust; smaller ones on reverse. Some minor signs of handling, reverse rim damaged above IN. Obverse die perfect; reverse beginning to fail below LIB.

75, 80, 88

From the Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd Collection.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1786 M.4.1-G #9452 HALL-SHUMWAY, 1919.
(AU50) ABT UNC55

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

56 1786 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-G, another. 130.1 grains. Very Fine. Just as well struck as the above coin, with bold, sharp legends and date, as well as very crisp design detail. The planchet is completely free of any sort of lamination or other defect—almost unheard of for the variety—and is actually quite nice! The obverse is especially clean. There is a trace of roughness in the upper right quadrant of the reverse, which is really not all that detracting. To our mind, it's a toss up which of these coins are finer—but we do know that we've never before been able to offer a pair of choice condition examples! $129

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUPS' APRIL 14, 1993

1975 1786 M.4.1-G, Mailed Bust Left. Net Very Good. Rarity 2. 125.2 gns. Gray-brown. Lightly granular. Small clip. Acceptable for the grade; another. Near basal state. 133.8 gns. Brown. Striated; ~~1786 M.5.8-O.2. MBL. Fine Very Good. Rarity 6 (corrected). 143.4 gns. Orange-brown. Verdigris spots both sides. Obverse damaged. Reverse swelling to left of head. "High Rarity 4" is much too low for this variety (if M.5.9-B.1 is R-6, then so is this!); 1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL. Very Good-Fine. Low Rarity 6. 111.9 gns. Brown. Striated. Off-center both sides; 1786 M.5.11-R. MBL. Fine. Low Rarity 6. 126.2 gns. Golden-brown. Once cleaned. Pitted; 1786 M.5.14-S. MBL. Net About Good. Rarity 6. 125.3 gns. Dark. Pitted. Scratched. "Sword" not visible.~~ 6 pieces.

192.50

2 PIECES

The first, ex H. Melnick Sale (November 4, 1983, part of lot 26 the last two, from Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection, the first sold intact to Ned Barnsley.)

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

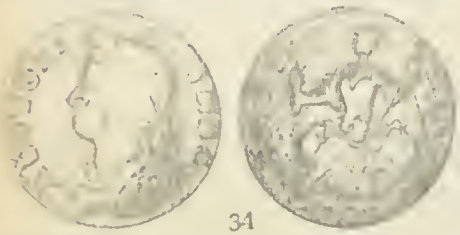
946 1786 M.4.1-G. MBL. Another. Rarity 2 (traditional but underrated). Very Good/Good. 126.8 gns. Even, dark olive-brown. Surfaces granular, light flaws. From the clashed states of the dies.

60, 60, 66

4.1-G

ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 4 SPRING, 1991

34. 1786. Miller 4.1-G, Breen 747. Rarity-2. Mailed Bust Left, coarse serrated borders with no obverse colons. 148.6 grains. Very Fine to Extremely Fine, though formerly sold as full EF. The legends and date are full; there is some minor striking weakness at the extreme upper right obverse and the corresponding area of the reverse. Attractive medium brown planchet, free of any defects or other problems. In our last list we offered a nice VF that sold quickly at $149; this slightly nicer example should create a lot of interest at the same price. (PLATE).....$149



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SEE STACK'S "T.H. ALLEN SALE" FEB 4, 1977 LOT# 1337
BOWER'S "GREENWALD & JACKSON SALE" SEPT 11-13, 1995

3108 1786 M 4.1-G. Mailed Bust Left. Choice VF for sharpness, but lightly porous and lightly cleaned long ago. 122.1 grains. Small obverse edge clip above first N in CONNEC, natural flan flaws on both sides. EX ROBISON 1982

50 90 99

From Stack's sale of the Robison Collection, February 1982, Lot 115.

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996

40 1786 CT Copper, Miller 4.1-G, Extremely Fine, light porosity. 121.6 grains. Rarity 2. Almost as nice as the Taylor coin in terms of details. Both sides are fairly well-centered and the date is almost completely on the planchet. The surfaces have a fine, matte texture which is actually rather pleasing. Overall, this is an above average example of the variety. ..... (400-500)

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

112 1786 Connecticut coppers, all MBL, all but one with Miller numbers painted on obverse in a clumsy hand: M.4.1-G. R-2. Very Good, fairly smooth green. 134.7 gns. "4.1/G" together with "D"[uplicate] and [17]"86" painted in a fine hand on obverse; another. Very Good. 135.8 gns. Quite granular, reverse rough at right; ~~M.5.2-I. R-3. Sharpness of Strong Fine in places, overall Very Good. Mottled brown and black, reverse corroded, clip at 6:00; M.5.8-F. High R-5 (overrated, probably only R-3). Very Good, short flaws both sides, light brown.~~ 4 pieces.

100 180 198

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

113 1786 M.4.1-G. A third. Obverse sharpness of Fine. 124.5 gns. Obverse granular; heavy reverse flaws; ~~M.5.6-M. MBL. R-5. Very Good, scratched both sides, reverse flawed. 109.6 gns.~~ 2 pieces.

35 40 44

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

34 1786 M.4.1-G. MBL. R-2. Very Fine plus for sharpness, off center on both sides, reverse flawed. 124.5 gns. Olive brown. Hall attribution and rarity number painted on obverse. This variety seems to come VF about 30% of the time. Perfect die states. R. MARTIN

50 65 71.5

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 14, 1996

2216 Selection of Connecticut coppers: ~~1785 Miller 4.3-A.2. Rarity-3. Good Fine~~; 1786 M.4.1-G. R-2. Good Fine, reverse flawed; ~~1787 M.33.2-Z.12. R-1. Rough Very Good/Fine; another. Rough Fine; M.33.5-T.2. R-5. Rough Fine; M.33.6-KK. R-4. Fine, flawed; M.33.14-Z.14. R-5. Rough Fine, flawed; M.33.15-r.1. R-2. Good Fine.~~ 8 pieces.

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EAN (D. LINETT) MAIL BID SALE AUG 29, 1992

1033 1786 Connecticut, Miller 4.1-G, Fine. Overall, surfaces are smooth and nonporous. Full date. Dark brown, hard planchet. Somewhat glossy in appearance. ..... (100-175)

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995

71 268 1786 CONNECTICUT COPPER. M.4.1-G (R-3) F15 152.4 grains. Some details fully very fine. Tan devices contrast with slighty glossy dark brown fields. Some planchet fissures on both sides, well placed enough not to disturb many design elements. Some very light toned scratches across the reverse figure, no obvious marks otherwise. A very attractive and well detailed example of this type.

1786 M.4.1-G "DOUBLE STRUCK"
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION 1995 VIA ANTHONY TERRANOVA

4.1-G

4.1-G

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 13 SUMMER 1998

152. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 4.1-G. Rarity-2. 135.1 grains. Very Good or so, probably a bit nicer in terms of actual wear. The obverse legends are full, though the tops of AUCTORI are a bit weak. The reverse has about half the legend and most of the date visible, though weak. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse quite hard and choice for the grade, the reverse with a few light striations else quite clean. A lower grade and lower priced example of the variety and type.....$49

THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MARCH, 1964 P. 27, 28

4.2-G DELETE

4.2-G W. H. Breen reported in 1952 that this was one of the 105 Connecticuts included in an alleged hoard of Early American coppers reputed to have been discovered in 1950 near Stepney Depot, Fairfield County, Conn. (Numismatist, Vol. 65, No. 1, P. 20; Numismatic Digest, Vol. 1, No. 1, P. 7).

The present location of this apparently unique combination, unknown to Miller, has not yet been determined. We hope the piece is not a badly worn one with an indistinct date, because in that case it may be resting in some collection, misattributed as 7-D of 1785. As stated earlier on P. 20, obverse 4.2 of 1786 is the very same die as obverse 7 of 1785.

June 1964 THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER Page 51

-- from Edward R. Barnsley an example of the unlocated 1786 4.2 - G which is no doubt the missing piece from the alleged Stepney Depot hoard. (page 27). This is an especially interesting discovery because the obverse is convex like the sunken state of the 1785 obverse 7, whereas the obverses of its two other combinations of 1786, 4.2 - R and 4.2 - S, are both flat. WHT. 147 1/4 GRAINS

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1247 J. ROCK

4.2-G -- DELETION

Another variety discovered by Walter Breen, this one turned up as part of the so-called "Stepney Hoard." It was described by Breen in his contemporary article on coin hoards that appeared in *The Numismatist*. January, 1952. The discovery coin was later in the collection of the late Ted Craige, who determined that it was actually a known variety, most likely 4.1-G. Accordingly, it has been dropped from the census.

4.2-G
DELETE

4.2-R

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

38 $170 **1786. M. 4.2–R.** R–7. Similar obv. but fine dentilation, sliver at ribbons—same as 1785 obv. 7.2. Difficult to grade, this has some letters and drapery **details suggesting Fine, others more like VG, surfaces Fine.** Everything shows, even a few traces of latitude and longitude lines on globe, except the 7–dot ornament left of head, apparently from die failure. There are probably six of these around, including the Miller, ANS, and Dr. Hall coins plus this one. **(Photo)** $170 **($225.–300.)**

EAC'75

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1786 M 4.2-R

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE FINE SMOOTH SURFACES

EAC'75 TAYLOR

2348 $275 **1786 Connecticut. M 4.2-R. Mailed Bust Left.** 133.0 grains. 200°. **Rarity-7. F-12.** Same obverse as 7 of 1785. Overall, surfaces are smooth and nonporous free, suggesting a grade of Fine. Some details weaker. Not fully struck up at the top of the reverse, apparently a result of an obverse bulge. Rarity rating unchanged since 1975.

From Pine Tree's E.A.C. Convention Sale, February 1975, Lot 38.

Second 1786 M 4.2-R

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK GOOD

TAYLOR

2349 $121 **1786 Connecticut. M 4.2-R. Mailed Bust Left.** 134.2 grains. 200°. **Rarity-7. G-4.** A second example of this rare combination, bearing the attribution number painted on the obverse. Both surfaces show striations. Struck from a later state of the dies, with loss of detail in the beginning and ending of the obverse legend and around the tops of the reverse legends. Last three digits of the date full, but with some loss of detail on the reverse. Sharpness congruent with technical grade. $121

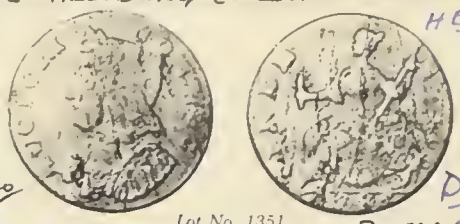
The easiest to notice difference between Obverses 4.1 and 4.2 is the presence on the latter of a sliver-shaped die break running from the back of the effigy's neck through the lower points of the wreath ribbons behind the head. A comparison of the two 4.2 obverses (Lots 2348 and this lot) with the three 4.1 obverses offered previously (Lots 2345 through 2347) is instructive, particularly in establishing the identity of the obverse die on Lot 2345.

BOLD EXAMPLE OF THE RARE MILLER 4.2-R

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

HESSBERG AMONG FINEST MOTTLED REDDISH TAN

DR. HALL



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Lot No. 1351 R. MARTIN

1351 **1786 Miller 4.2-R** (~~R-7~~ R-6). 135 grains. Mailed bust left, far more detail than on other examples seen at auction in recent years. Bust is well delineated with die crack across neck. Large, bold date and figure of Liberty, a few light laminations. Possibly ~~six~~ 26 exist, this example was part of the Dr. Thomas Hall collection and bears his white ink Miller number on its edge. Pleasing light golden-brown. Extremely Fine and highly desirable in this distinctly high grade.

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

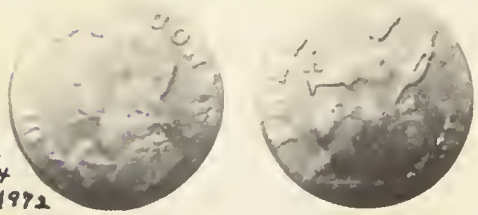
COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL) 1989

4.2-R 1786 VG/VG [illegible]

NEW ENGLAND "PUBLICK AUCTION PT II JULY 23, 1976 (BUCKLEY COLL)

25 $150 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #4.2 R (R–7) VERY GOOD–10, pleasing.

4.2-R



BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. From the same obverse die as Miller's obverse 7 of 1785. Miller 4.2-R (R-6). The opportunity to acquire any Rarity 6 Connecticut must be regarded as significant. The opportunity to *select from two different examples* is unheard of. Well, almost: Abt. Fine $119.00; Fine 149.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW # 30, 1978
1786 Mailed bust left. 4.2-R (R-5). VG-8. Minor planchet defect on obverse as made RCR # 30, 1978 ..... 65.00

1791 4.2-R

VERY GOOD, DARK CHARCOAL BROWN, LIGHT POROSITY, DEEP FLAWS ON REVERSE.
BILL PEARSON COLLECTION

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
12) 1786 M.4.2-R Good. Dark olive brown with a diagonal planchet on obverse and a diagonal planchet defect across reverse.

MIKERINGO FIXED PRICE LIST JUNE, 1989
1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.4.2-R. Very Good/Good, weakly struck on the right side. Medium brown with light porosity and a small edge clip at 8 o'clock. Half the date is visible though weak; a Rarity-7 variety. D. MENCHELL 100.00

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920
1834 1786. Obv. AUCTORI CONNEC Rx. INDE. ET LIB, C. 4-R (2).
1.50 Rarity 5. Fairly G.

977.00 STACK'S 'L.S. RUDER SALE' SEPT 9, 1987
20 1786 M.4.2-R (R-7). Very Good, deeply toned fields with lighter devices, full date. Some porosity on obverse. DARK POROSITY

1786 M.4.2-R FINE/VERY FINE? NICE COLOR & SURFACES
HIGH CONDITION CENSUS.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION APRIL, 1995.

4.2-R

Obverse 7.2 of 1785

also known as

Obverse 4.2 of 1786

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1786 4.2-R WHT. 128.2 GRAINS
VERY GOOD OVERALL. UNEVEN STRIKE. OBV. OFF-CENTER TO RIGHT. "CTOR" IN AUCTORI OBSCURED. NO DATE. DARK BROWN, DEVICES SLIGHTLY HIGHLIGHTED. M. RINGO

1786 4.2-R
FAIR/ABT GOOD OBV./G/VG? REV. LIGHTLY MATTE MEDIUM DARK BROWN. DEFECTS, MOSTLY ON REV. M. RINGO.

1786 4.2-R WHT. 144.0 GRAINS
VERY GOOD. UNEVENLY STRUCK (WEAKLY STRUCK) AT "CON". FEW SCATTERED DEFECTS MOSTLY ON OBV. DARK BROWN. J. PIERVINCENTI

1786 M.4.2-R Fine/Very Fine Glossy Choice Brown.
Jim Goudge Collection 1980's. AMONG FINEST

4.2-R

1786 M.4.2-R Good. Struck in brASS. "DE" in INDE weak & "L" in LIB missing. Mike Spencer stock Oct, 1997. 106.6 GR.
SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 12 (1997) LOT# 87

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 4.2-R
One of the Finest Known

86 1786 Connecticut. Miller 4.2-R. Rarity-7. 122.2 grains. Choice Fine, some details of a slightly higher grade level. Generay well struck at the centers of the coin, a bit weaker around the peripheries, as often found on the issue. The obverse legends are complete save for the NE of CONNEC, while parts of ET LIB are weak on the reverse. The date is full and sharp. The all-important branch on the reverse is full and sharp, making the attribution quick and easy. Hard medium brown surfaces, slightly glossy and free of any sort of post striking damage or defect; there are a few light striations on either side, none of any importance. A most pleasing example of this extreme rarity, the first that we've handled in years. High in the Condition Census, this is the second finest that we have seen and we have records of one other in a private collection in about the same grade, meaning this is probably the second or third finest known example of an extremely rare variety. The finest example of the variety known appears to be the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin, a weak EF. The EAC '75 sale piece was just VG/F, while Taylor was lucky enough to have a pair, in Fine and G/VG. That seems to be it as far as recent auction records are concerned, and the variety was completely missing from such stalwart Connecticut copper offerings as Roper, Robison, Garrett, Norweb, Picker, Schenkel, Oecshner, all of the Ryder-Boyd-Ford sales, both C4 Convention sales and just about every dealer's price list or mail bid auction in the last decade. All of which just serves to underscore the rarity of the variety. Here is a coin that has it all going for it — extreme rarity, choice condition and want lists a mile long. First caller gets it at just.....$979

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING, 1997

And ANOTHER Example of Miller 4.2-R!
Struck in BRASS!!

87 1786 Connecticut. Miller 4.2-R, another [!]. 106.6 grains. About Good/Good. More than half the obverse legends visible, though most letters are faint. The reverse has nearly full legends and a full, sharp date. The design detail is about what is expected for the grade, though there is sufficient "meat" remaining to be sure of the attribution [having the above coin for comparison has proven invaluable, since sometimes it is difficult to compare a coin with a photograph]. The present example is clearly STRUCK IN BRASS, with the telltale yellowish hue boldly apparent on either side. Not only is this an extremely rare variety, we have here one of the few Connecticut's known to be struck in a metal other than copper [we have records of exactly three other brass pieces, one 1786 and a pair of 1787-dated coins] — making it an exceptional coin either for the variety collector or the advanced Connecticut specialist interested in odd metal variations. In either case, the price is right at just.....$299

The present coin weighs considerably less than its copper counterpart and also has a slightly higher "ring" than a copper coin, indicative of the different alloy between brass and copper. EX. MIKE SPENCER STOCK OCT, 1997

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MARCH, 1964 P. 28

4.2-S

4.2-S | This is a new, inedited combination with a reverse also new to Miller which had been originally discovered for the first time in combination with obverse 5.14. See 5.14-S mentioned below. Two specimens located: ERB, Private collector.

UNLISTED MULING

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

39 **1786. M. 4.2-S.** R-8. Same obv., rev. of 5 .14-S with the sword hilt and guard below Ms. Liberty's elbow. **Many details VG or better,** others weaker (AU DE and 6 cannot be read); clean surfaces suggesting VG or better, fewer defects than usual, the all-important sword hilt clear. **Apparently the coin discovered some years ago by Norman Bryant. One other known–Barnsley collection** (Colonial Newsletter, 3/64, p. 28). **(Photo)**
$225 **($300.–up)**

$225

EAC '75

39

1786 M 4.2-S

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TAYLOR

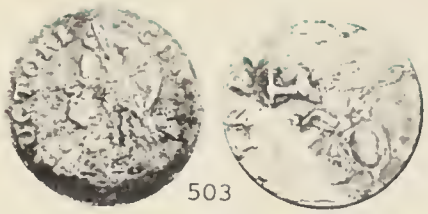
2350 **1786 Connecticut. M 4.2-S. Mailed Bust Left.** 143.1 grains. 200°. **Rarity-7.** G-4, or thereabouts. Unevenly struck, with loss of detail in the obverse and reverse legends. Pronounced planchet cutter "lip" at the base of the obverse; the top of the obverse illustrates nicely the edge of the original die. Rarity-7 today, Rarity-8 in 1975.
From Pine Tree E.A.C. Convention Sale, February 1975, Lot 39

$330

Reverse S, discovered in combination with Obverse 5.14, was not known to Miller, the obverse and reverse combinations were not recorded either. Originally discovered by Norman Bryant, and published by Edward Barnsley in his article referred to previously. Reverse S is characterized by the sword hilt which appears beneath Miss Liberty's left arm. On this piece the sword hilt is clear.

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA P. 68 (1988)

755 1786 Sword var., no obv. colons. 2 or 3 known.
M 4.2-S. Obv. pictured at 739; rev. as preceding. Discovered by Norman Bryant. *CNL* 3/64, p. 28; 1975 EAC:39.



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PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

EXTREMELY RARE MULING NOT LISTED BY MILLER

503 **1786. "M. 4. 2-S"** (R-8). Same obv. as "M 5. 14-S" cited by Barnsley in 3/64 **Colonial Newsletter,** with sword hilt guard below Ms. Liberty's elbow. **Existing details VF or better** but with extensive regions of streaky planchet defects, particularly on rev. (obliterating practically all details from about the center to the top rim); on obv. NEC of CONNEC is gone. We know of only two other examples, one in the Barnsley Collection and the other one is our 1975 E. A. C. sale (lot 39), a VG plus at $225. **(Photo)**

$125

4.2-S

1786 M. 4.2-S OBV. 4.2

1786 M. 4.2-S REV. S

→ 1786 M-4.2-S WHT. 123.75 GRAINS
DISCOVERED & ACQUIRED IN 1986 VIA
RANDY SHELTON, KENTUCKY. SOLD TO
DON MITUZAS, 1987. LATER TO DAVID MENCHELL?
VERY GOOD OVERALL. FINE DETAILS, BUT OLIVE
GREEN. CRACK IN FLAN FROM EDGE.
— PHOTOGRAPHED BY "BOWERS & MERENA" IN
1986 FOR INCLUSION IN UPCOMING GUIDE.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION, 1989
4.2-S 1786 G/G RS BARNSLEY COLLECTION
HOLED??

SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT # 37.

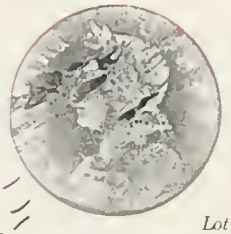
1786 4.2-S Technically Very Good.
Planchet Defects And Weak Areas.
Mark Poulin Collection Feb 23,1993

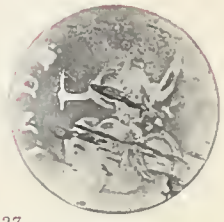
STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

1786 MILLER 4.2-S

One of Three Recorded by Us

EX MARK POULIN COLLECTION





$1,300
$1,600
$1,760
$1,737

Lot No. 37 SYD MARTIN

1786 M.4.2-S. MBL. R-8 (our best estimate, possibly eventually R-7+). About Good to Good. 127.8 gns. Dark olive-brown. Both surfaces heavily striated, the obverse in upper left and through center, the reverse through center and lower half. Elsewhere, both surfaces quite granular and inscriptions on right side of both obverse and reverse are indistinct. All important **sword, guard, and hilt** are visible, however. **Extremely rare:** we have records of only three examples, this; Taylor:2350, ex EAC '75:39 (Good); Barnsley/CNL (Good/Good). This variety was unknown to both Hall and Miller and is missing from the ANS and CSL collections, as well as the Ryder-Boyd Primary holdings. Reverse "S" was first published by Canfield and Ryder in their *Additions and Corrections;* obverse 4.2 appears to have been discovered by Norman Bryant and published by Ned Barnsley in *CNL* (March, 1964, p.28). At that time, Barnsley knew of only two specimens, his and another (probably the one that became Taylor's one year later). In the 1975 EAC sale, Walter Breen repeated Barnsley's census estimate of just two known. In his May, 1991 "Connecticut Coppers Update" (*CNL*, seq. p.1247), Jeff Rock wrote "Over a half dozen known. . ." but listed only five, one of which (EAC-Taylor), was listed twice. If we assume one more is known than we have listed above, the rarity rating would drop to R-7+. Exact die states uncertain due to extreme surface condition.

4.2-S

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1247 J. ROCK

4.2-S -- Apparently discovered by Norman Bryant in the early 1960's, this combines an obverse die listed by Miller with a reverse die unknown to him (see 5.14-S, below). Over a half dozen known, including Barnsley/CNL Reference Collection, Taylor, 1975 E.A.C. and two formerly in the Rock collection (including the finest known), now in a prominent California collection.

Sequential page 208

BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY

Obverse 7.2 of 1785

also known as

Obverse 4.2 of 1786

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SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT #37
SYD MARTIN
COLLECTION

4.2-S

1786 M.4.2-S ABT. GOOD. LARGE PLANCHET EDGE DEFECT
DAVE PALMER COLLECTION APRIL,1995.

1786 M.4.2 S ABOUT GOOD, UNEVEN STRIKE.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION, 1995 VIA JEFF ROCK, 1988

4.2-S

CRAIG A WHITFORD NUMISMATIC AUCTIONS 5/31/01
SYD MARTIN COLLECTION @ $10,000 CA +
FINEST KNOWN

1786 4.2-S ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

4.2-S

1786 Connecticut, Miller 4.2-S, LOW RARITY-7 VARIETY! - eBay (item 170312077233

5/24/09
NUMISMA
(JEF ROCK)

1786 Connecticut Copper Miller 4.2-S, the "Sword, Hilt & Guard" Reverse. Low Rarity-7. 152.9 grains. Good, actually an impossible coin to grade since some detail is close to Fine, while other detail is closer to AG. The peripheries are extremely weak, with only a couple of letters in the obverse legend visible, and none on the reverse; the obverse legend does include the ORI of AUCTORI and the first C of CONNEC, this being enough to securely attribute the obverse as a 4.2 (one of only two dies of this type without a colon after AUCTORI). The bust is mostly outlined, with some detail expected of a Fine-grade coin. The reverse has no legend or date visible, though the seated figure at the center is fairly sharp everywhere save her lower extremities; she does hold a strong branch in her outstretched arm, again the most important part of the reverse die to have as it clearly matches up to the "S" reverse (each of the dies had the branch details added by hand, and each is different, which makes it easy to identify the reverse die when this detail is visible). Medium brown, struck on a flawed planchet (which accounts for much of the striking weakness; the obverse has a few largish fissures at the right side of the coin, the reverse with a few smaller ones, and the whole with a very faint surface roughness. While not a beauty-contest winner of a coin, it is still what it is – a fully attributable and affordable example of a very rare variety. None in the John J. Ford, Jr. collection in any grade. The George Perkins coin was graded Good (but nicer than that) and realized an amazing $4600 nearly a decade ago! The only recent auction record is for the Bob Lomprey, Jr. coin which was graded VG, but which had an extremely weak and uneven strike, with much of the legend missing, and which sold for $1320. In cataloguing that piece, Tom Rinaldo noted that "eleven examples are currently known, almost all of them in low grades." One other example, a decent VF-ish coin, appeared for sale in an obscure auction in 2007 and was later sold at a price of over $10,000 to a private collector. The first that we have been able to offer in some time, and one that remains on a large number of want lists. Although the coin IS low grade, the attribution is certain and – as always – your satisfaction is guaranteed. This general type is pictured and listed on Page 59 of the 2009 edition of The Redbook (mailed bust facing left type), which of course does not list individual varieties. The newly-published book on colonials by Q. David Bowers, the Whitman Encyclopedia of Colonial and Early American Coins, lists this type as his W-2535 (page 110), where the only auction record listed is "Perkins collection (1/2000), G, some problems, $4,600." THIS IS OFFERED HERE WITHOUT RESERVE. Winning bidder to add $6 for postage and insurance – ALL items we sell are sent via insured mail [or Registered mail for items over $500]. California residents must add appropriate sales tax. The picture is of the actual coin being offered, and it has been enlarged in size to show the detail of the piece. All pictures are hosted on AOL, which sometimes degrades picture quality, so if they don't come through for you please e-mail us – at least a day before the sale ends, please! – and we will be happy so send you the image by e-mail.

5.1-H.1

SECOND FINEST KNOWN

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

(40) 1786. M. 5.1–H.1. High R-6. Colons in legend (standard from now on with this design); heavy, coarse, serrated border as on obv. 5.4 and no other die with colons, thin irregular letters. **Extremely Fine,** usual uneven strike, usual defective flan, natural light olive and tan with faint traces of mint lustre around letters, especially on reverse. **Second finest known,** second only to the fantastic Brand coin in New Netherlands 51st sale, which was struck similarly on the same kind of planchet. That in the Bowers 1972 lists was called "F–VF, nicest we've had". **Auction records are almost nil;** Norman Bryant estate (lot 9) contained a Fair example, and no other recent offerings have come to our attention. **(Photo)** $415 ($400.–up)

$415

EAC '75

SEE COLOR PHOTO

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PINE TREE EAC '76 SALE MARCH 5-6 1976

2105

J. SYPE - J. GOULD

(2105) 1786. MBL. M.5.1-H.1. High rarity 6. **Extremely Fine** with faint traces of mint lustre around letters. **Second finest known to us. (Photo)** $300 ($400.-500.)

$300

PINE TREE 'GREEN III' JUNE 19, 1978

211 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.5.1-H.1. (High R-6) **Extremely Fine** with faint traces of mint lustre around letters. $275 ($250-300)

$275

PINE TREE "RUN '77" JAN 8, 1977

17 1786. M.5.1-H.1. (High R-6). **Extremely Fine** with faint traces of mint lustre around letters.

NEW NETHERLANDS 51st SALE JUNE 19, 1958

71 Similar; punct. with colons only. M. 5¹-H¹. Graded by B. G. Johnson, 1935, as "**Unc.**, some original red; badly rolled planchet." This piece does retain traces of mint color, though basically it is light tan; the planchet is quite defective as commonly found on Westville Mint products. Slight weakness on the high points from imperfect striking (as seen, even today, on many branch mint coins). Advanced obv. die cracks. Edge attribution as on last. Extremely rare as a variety, and even more so in this unquestioned "**finest known**" preservation. **Plate** ($68.50)

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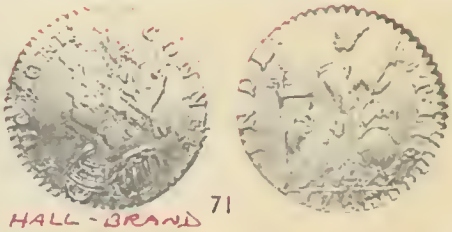

HALL-BRAND

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1786 M 5.1-H.1 The Hall-Brand Specimen

Finest Known

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK+ AU50 W/SOME RED FLAN STRIATIONS STILL NICE

TAYLOR

$2,310

2351 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.1-H.1. Mailed Bust Left.** 148.8 grains. 210 Rarity-5. **AU-50,** a nice light tan with traces of original mint red in places on both surfaces. Graded by B.G. Johnson in 1935 as "Uncirculated, some original red, badly rolled planchet." The finest known, and the finest ever to be auctioned, to our knowledge. Very typical obverse and reverse striations. All known show the obverse die bulge present here. Described in the Pine Tree E.A.C. convention sale catalogue (see Lot 40) as "...the tantastic Brand coin in New Netherlands 51st sale ..." Hall attribution number painted on the edge

Ex Dr. Hall, Virgil Brand; New Netherlands 51st Sale (June 1958) Lot 71

PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

504 **1786. M. 5. 1-H. 1** (R-6). **Sharpness of remaining obv. details VF,** though at least half of central details obscured by die failure. **Rev. details Fine,** but there is also an extensive region of weakness below center, surfaces grade VF.

Usual uneven strike and flan defects. Lot 40 in our 1975 E. A. C. sale, EF and second finest known, brought $415

$40

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

RIM LAMINATION WEAK

200-
200-
$220.00 BOOK

Lot No. 1352

REDDISH TAN VF OVERALL

HESSBERG

1352 **1786 Miller 5.1-H.1** (High R-5). 127 grains. Wavy planchet causes loss of obverse detail. Reverse is reasonably bold. **Light pleasing brown** with a few **tiny laminations;** an interesting example of this rare variety.

5.1-H.1

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS SALE" NOV 9-11, 1987

3014 1786 Connecticut. M 5.1-H.1. Rarity-5. VF-30, medium golden-brown. Surfaces mostly smooth, just a few flaws. One or two obverse rim nicks. Very late obverse state, with bulge advanced and obscuring the effigy's features. 49.50

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

539 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.1-H.1 (R-5). Rare variety. Very Fine. Weakly struck in areas. 40 —

187 — BOWER'S 'STUART LEVINE' APRIL 10-11, 1986

859 1786 Connecticut. Miller-5.1-H.1. 143.4 grains. Mailed Bust left. Scarce die variety. Very Fine. Medium light brown planchet. Some weakness at the center obverse due to die buckling. Very scarce, (Rarity-5 on the Miller scale). TO R. MARTIN

STACK'S "R PICKER" SALE OCT 24, 1984

150 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.1-H.1. 125.2 grains. A rare variety, missing in both the Garrett (1980) and Roper (1983) offerings. Struck from a bulged obverse die such that the facial detail is a little weak, and slightly off-center on the reverse with the bottom third of the date missing. A difficult coin to locate in this nice shape. A perfect smooth light brown. **Very Fine.** $577.50 NICE

NICE

HIM. INC. SALE FEB 11, 1983

1024 **1786. M.5.1-H.1** (R-6) **VF+. (Photo)**

Nice medium brown toning with deeper color in recesses for contrast, heavily buckled die in centers with attendant weakness, wreath and arms and matching areas of reverse sharp $220 —

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2478 5.1-H.1 (M). Technical F-12. Rarity-5. 135.1 grains. 28.1mm. 225°. Deep reverse flaws. Very late obverse state with the bulge quite pronounced; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

STACK'S 'N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973

9 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.1-H.1 ~~and Miller 5.1-R. Both~~ Rarity 5. Fair. ~~These should be seen by the die variety specialist~~. 2 pieces. 13

STACK'S SALE JUNE 18, 1981 WHT. 136.8 GRAINS

54 1786 Miller 5.1-H.1, (R-6). Mailed bust left. A rare variety. The obverse is slightly off-center so that the tips of 'ORI' are off the planchet. The reverse is full, and the coin is sharply struck. Very Fine. $150 —
R. MARTIN 4/86 - H. RESCIGNO

EX. STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982 LOT # 116 AS VF AT $130 —

J. JEOFFREY

$143 — BOWER'S "ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

618 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.1-H.1. Very rare (R-6) die combination. Probably AU from the viewpoint of actual wear, but with surface porosity and with some black flakes on the obverse, perhaps from having been in a fire. Still, the piece presents an attractive overall appearance. Definitely a prime item for the die variety specialist.

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

116 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.5.1-H.1 Planchet defective as typical for the variety. Well struck with all details clear. Dark brown. **Very Fine.** $130 — OK

5.1-H.1

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA P.67 (1988)

748 1786 Same, with obv. colons. 2 vars.
M. 5.1-H.1, 5.4-G (ill.; Crosby, Pl. V. 8).

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL) 1989

5.1-H.1	1786 F/F-	RA+	Cuts on reverse.
5.1-H.1	1786 F-/F-	Re+	Weak strike.

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW NO #19 FEB, 1974

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.1-H.1 (R-5). Rare variety. F-VF 129.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW APR, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.1-H.1 (R-5). Rare variety. Good $39.00; ~~F-VF~~, ~~the nicest 5.1-H.1 we've offered in recent years~~ RSR #14. ~~129.00~~

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

13) 1786 M.5.1-H.1 Very Good. Slight bend in flan with some scattered planchet defects, mostly on reverse. 5.0-H.1 (?) in white ink on obverse.

14) 1786 M.5.1-H.1 Very Fine details, but heavy verdigris on obverse. White ink attribution on obverse field. (No Provenance)

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

26 1786 $35 Mailed Bust Left M #5.1–H.1 (R–6) VERY GOOD–10, dark with planchet laminations; ~~Mailed Bust Left M #5.2-1 (R-3) GOOD-6 bordering on Very Good. Pleasing~~. (Lot of 2 pieces).

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN, 1992

52. 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.1-H.1. Rarity 5. 125.8 grains. Detail of the coin close to the Very Fine level [probably near Condition Census quality], counterstamped on the obverse with a large "F.C." on the effigy's face, the lettering style suggesting a pre-1800 counterstamp. Very attractive chocolate brown surfaces, the reverse with a few minor laminations, but, no scratches or other problems. A most appealing example, sure to be of interest to both collectors of counterstamps, as well as the Connecticut coppers specialist.....$119

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1836 1786. Head l. AUCTORI: CONNEC: Rx. INDE: ET LIB: C. 5-1 (1) H (1). Abt. F. black. .50

1845 1786. Rx. INDE. ET. LIB: C. 5(1) -H. Fine. 1.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST FEB, 1981

47 1786, Mailed bust left, Miller-5.1-H.1. A rare variety. Strong Very Fine, Obverse slightly off-center. Choice, with no weakness in strike whatsoever 325.00

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

5.1-H.1, R-6, Very Fine+, Bust Left, die has buckled on obverse center.. 245.

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1986

3. 1786 Bust Left, M.5.1-H.1. Very Good, large "FC" counterstamped on obverse. Nice color and surfaces, and an R-6 die variety..... 35.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

10. 1786 Miller 5.1-H.1. Very Fine-20, R-6. Very nice with a full detailed obverse which is unusual for this variety. Ex. Stack's June 1981 Sale. Rare. Mailed Bust Left. Probably condition Censes. $295

5.1-H.1

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 16, 1993

2101 **1786 M.5.1-H.1. MBL. Technical Very Fine.** Rarity 5. 146.1 grains. Lighter and darker golden brown. Surfaces micro-granular. Linear flaws across top of head obverse; light pits and slag lamination on Liberty's figure. Date faint. From the later state of the obverse, the die failing heavily in center with consequent loss of facial, wreath, and hair detail, nearly complete lack of detail in center of reverse. Reverse die typically rotated left 40 degrees.

70-
130-
143-

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1984

111 **1786 ~~M.0-D.1. MBR. High R-5. Good to Very Good.~~** ~~151.4 gns. Orange tan, several edge dents, reverse slide marks. Late reverse state~~; **M.5.1-H.1. Mailed Bust Left.** R-5. Sharpness of Strong Very Fine in places, center and left obverse soft due to failure there. 123.3 gns. Dark olive, traces of verdigris, rim flaw at date. 2 pieces.

160
425
467.50

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 13 SUMMER 1998

154. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.1-H.1, another. 111.1 grains. About Good/Good plus. The obverse is quite faint, with only traces of the legend and design detail; the reverse has most of the legend and part of the date, along with the large denticles that immediately identify this die. Medium brown, slightly rough and with a small pt on either side...actually more attractive than the strict description makes it sound, this is just a well-worn example of a very difficult variety.....$19

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

153. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.1-H.1. High Rarity-5. 140.7 grains. Very Good or so, some areas fully of a Fine grade level, others much weaker, as struck. The first and last letters of the obverse legend are weak, as is ETLIB on the reverse and most of the date. The rest of the legends are sharp, and the design detail runs the gamut from strong [especially the reverse] to a bit weak [the obverse mailing]. A significant portion of the large, elongated denticles are visible on either side, these being diagnostic for the variety. Overall, nicer than circulated examples of the variety are usually found. Medium brown surfaces, the lower 2/3 of the reverse a darker shade. Some light circulation marks on either side, and a couple of insignificant striations, none of any real importance. Although long rated an R-5, this is the first that we've been able to offer in years, and suspect that it is actually scarcer than that.....$59

1786 M.5.1-H.1 ABT UNC. SOME STRIATIONS
EX. PINE TREE SALE MARCH 5,1976 LOT#2105
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION APRIL,1995.

ALSO PINE TREE EAC '75 SALE LOT # 40 FEB 15, 1975 ALSO PINE TREE BREEN III LOT # 211 JUNE 19, 1978

5.2-H.1

PINE TREE' EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

41* 1786. M. 5.2-H.1. R-6. Obv. Good, weak struck; rev. Fine, weakly struck, though most details of drapery are clear as are longitude and latitude lines on globe. Rather dark brown, devices highlighted. Apparently from the Bowers 1972 lists at well into three figures. (Photo) ($175.-up) $145

*Bids accepted by mail only.

$145

EAC'75

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BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1988)

751 1786 Same, no cross after INDE. 2 vars. Rare. M. 5.2-H.1, 5.7-H.1.

NEW NETHERLANDS 51st SALE JUNE, 1958 HALL

72 Another. M. 5.2-H.1. Likewise graded by Johnson "Unc., weakly struck on a poor planchet." The only wear we can make out is on Liberty's breast; the remainder is weakly impressed in low relief, but does seem unworn. Somewhat lustrous, deep tan and olive; planchet very granular and defective, one flaw at the lower part of the reverse unattractive. Not in a class with the last appearance wise, but at least as rare a variety. ($30.00)

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Another Hall-Brand Pedigree

BOWER'S TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

GOOD COLOR VF OVERALL DUE TO DEFECTS

DEEP FLAW ON REV.

$632.50

OBV. FLAWS NOT BAD

TAYLOR

2352 1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-H.1. Mailed Bust Left. 126.4 grains. High Rarity-5. EF-40. Little apparent wear, struck from shallow relief dies. Reverse flan flaw across the globe. Medium tan. Not as seriously granular and defective as once catalogued. Also graded by B.G. Johnson in 1935 as "Uncirculated, weakly struck on a poor planchet." Hall attribution number on edge.

Ex Dr. Hall; Virgil Brand; New Netherlands' 51st Sale (June 1958), Lot 72.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

2479 1786 Connecticut M 5.2-H.1. VF-20. Rarity-5+. 153.5 grains. 28.2mm. 220. Rich, golden brown with some rosy highlights. Struck from a shallow relief obverse die. $467.50

Purchased between 1913-1915.

$467.50

NORWEB

TOO UNEVENLY STRUCK

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW# APR, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.2-H.1 (R-5). The specimen in our *Review* No. 12 was just Good. The specimen offered now is F-VF. Actually, the coin has seen very little wear but is weak., struck. Nomenclature such as "Extremely Fine, but very weakly struck" would be synonymous. Any way you look at it, here is a rare coin in rare condition R.C.R.#14 APRIL, 1972 ..... 129.00

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW#12, SEPT, 1971

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.2-H.1 (R-5). Good R.C.R.#12. 9/71. 39.00

EAN (D. LINETT) MAIL BID SALE AUG 29, 1992

1030 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.2-H.1, Choice Fine. Struck from shallow relief dies. An excellent, defect free planchet. Well centered strike. Dark chocolate brown surfaces. .....(150-250)

BOWER'S 'BYRON JOHNSON SALE' JAN 26, 1989

25 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.2-H.1. Rarity-5+. 115.5 grains. F-12/VF-20. Orange-brown obverse, dark brown reverse. Hairline scratches on obverse. States equivalent to Taylor:2352.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL) 1989

5.2-H.1 1786 F-[illegible] [illegible] olive mint red on reverse.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

15) 1786 M.5.2-H.1 Uncirculated light olive and tan with some traces of mint red in INDE on reverse. (Col. Wm. G. Ladd, Jan. 9, 1912).

16) 1786 M.5.2-H.1 Fine overall. Very Good/Very Fine. "UC in AUCTORI obscured. Flan defect in obverse and reverse fields. (E.T. Newell, 5/19/39)

5.2-H-1

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920
.25 1837 1786. C. 5-(2) H (1). Good.

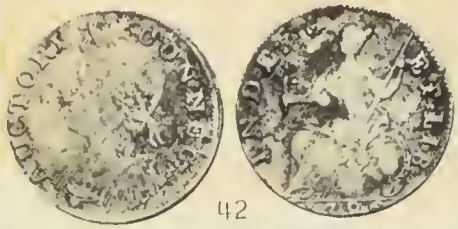
5.2-I

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

42 **1786, M. 5.2-I. R-3.** Second obv. colon slopes to left. **Letters and some device details suggest VF,** some other details not so well up; cleaned long ago, retoning, retaining most of the dark patina in the fields. Possibly the "VF" from the Bowers 1972 list. Very far above average condition. A slightly sharper one was offered by Bowers in Sept. 1974 at $495. The Vlack coin is not in the same class. **(Photo)** **($200.–up)**

$110 — $110

EAC '75



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BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

510 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.2-I (R-3). Very Fine $70

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

STRONG DETAIL SMOOTH DARK BROWN

WORTH VF20

TINY DEFECT ON REVERSE

TAYLOR

2353 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-I. Mailed Bust Left.** 127.0 grains. Rarity-3. **VF-35.** Dark reddish brown, with some olive. Very deeply cut reverse, with attractive detail. Smooth, nonporous free planchet, a little rougher on the reverse. Finer than the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen, and far above average.

$187

PINE TREE 'LIBRARY BROWN' MAY 21, 1976

505 **1786. M. 5. 2-I (R-3). VF or better surfaces and most details,** though some others (UC of AUCTORI and center of rev.) poorly brought up because of the uneven strike.

Eouugh off center to render date only half readable. Even brown with considerable region of original mint surface beneath the toning. Better than our 1975 E. A. C. sale coin, lot 42, at $110.

$35 –

1786 Connecticut Miller 5.2-I

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

(See Color Photo)

GARRETT

1343 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.2-I.** 127.8 grains. Rarity-3. A splendid **AU if not fully Uncirculated** specimen from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection. Perfectly centered and very sharply struck. A few minor planchet irregularities detract little from this lovely, light brown glossy coin. Some traces of mint lustre are still to be seen in protected areas such as among the letters. Probably the finest known example.

Obtained by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection OPEN $200 – SOLD $1,500 –

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE, 1990

C.212.

SEE GARRETT #1343

1786 copper
Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena

1786 Copper: Mailed bust left, several varis. a following of this type were struck by Company for Coining Coppers. M 5.2-I. Garrett AU-Unc. $1,500

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

218. 1786 MAILED BUST LEFT. **Miller 5.2-I. (R-3).** Choice About Uncirculated. Light glossy brown. Well struck and centered. The full, round planchet has a tiny clip at 2:00 on the obverse but, otherwise, this is a virtually perfect coin. Far and away the finest known example of this variety. $1600
**Ex Garrett III: 1343, Ellsworth*

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BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

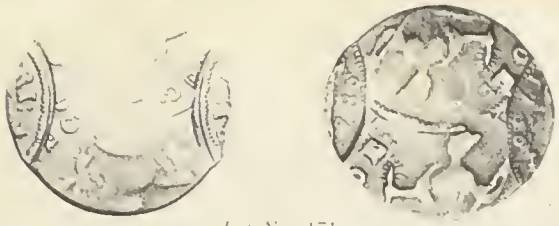
POROSITY

2480 1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-I. VF 30. Rarity-3. 118.6 grains. 28.5mm. 220°. Dark brown. Microscopically porous. Sharpness congruent with technical grade but centers soft, as made. Very nearly equivalent to Taylor, 2353 for quality, save for the soft centers.
Purchased between 1913-1915 $104.50

NORWEB

5.2-I

EX. JOHN RICHARDSON - SEE NUMISMATIC SCRAPEBOOK MARCH, 1941 P.126



Lot No. 171

STACK'S "R. PICKER" SALE OCT 24, 1984 TO B. ANTON

171 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.2-I. 131.1 grains. A dramatic and obviously intentional **quadruple strike**, this piece is featured in an article in the *Colonial Newsletter*, January 1976. Due to the symmetry of the four strikings, it is clear that this oddity was deliberately created. We doubt a similar specimen exists. Light and even wear and no detracting marks on the unusual planchet. A pleasing medium brown. A gift from the late Norman Bryant. **Very Good or better.** $1,760 — SEE COL. NEWS. JAN, 1976 P.516

BOWERS "E. M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1987

3015 1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-I. Rarity-3. F-15. Dark, a few obverse and reverse planchet flaws. Full date, if faint. 77.00

4.50 MAYFLOWER "STEARNS COLL" DEC 2, 1966

170 1786 Mailed Bust facing left. 5² I (R³). Very Good with edge damage

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LEPCZYK SALE #58 JULY 27, 1984

14 - 1786. Connecticut. Mailed bust l. M. 5.2-I. R-3. Second obverse colon slopes to l. Smooth VF, two old ht ses through throat, minor planchet defects reverse. A scarce variety in this grade and a prize for any one's Colonial collection. $180 —

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.2-I (R-3). Very Good $26.00; VG-Fine $29.00; Very Fine $67.50; VF-EF 105.00

Note: The best grade listed of the various varieties in this offering can be construed in nearly all instances as being among the very finest of that particular variety known. In other words, if the best grade we list is Very Fine, then the chance of finding an Extremely Fine example of that variety is small.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.2-I. (R-3). Fair, holed $4.00; Good $12.00; VG $25.00; VG-Fine . R.C.R. #7 . SEPT, 1970 ..... 29.00

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

233 **1786 M.5.2-I.** Mailed Bust Left. R-3. 130.3 gns. Nearly Very Fine, certainly a very strong Fine with areas of true Very Fine sharpness. Good brown color, the high points a lighter shade but not dramatically so. Some small and insignificant obverse flan flaws, none really distracting. Reverse surface essentially undisturbed. Nearly full date. Altogether, a very worthwhile example of a number whose rarity is probably underestimated. Although we have seen 23 examples of this number, the rarity rating traditionally given to it seems too low.

200 240 264

STACK'S SALE MAY 5, 1993

7 **1786 M.5.2-I** (R-3). Good/Fine. Dark brown and black. Two deep obverse dents, 'H' scratched on reverse. Heavy reverse planchet flaw.

Ex Edward Hessberg Collection Sale (Stack's, June 20, 1991, lot 1353).

38.50

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST FALL 1992

263 **1786 M.5.2-I** (R-3). Mailed Bust Left. 130.7 gns. Very Good, damaged. Two deep dents in obverse, "H" scratched into upper left reverse field. Heavy lamination reverse rim at 4:00 into shield. Obverse appears to be sinking peripherally around; reverse appears perfect. EX. HESSBERG LOT# 1353 *$45.00*

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL JULY 22, 1992

2611 **1786 M 5.2-I.** MBL. R-3. 122.7 gns. Good/Very Good. Light olive brown. Both surfaces granular and striated. Areas of verdigris on obverse. Date indistinct. States uncertain due to surface condition. G/VG

13.00

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1353 **1786** Miller 5.2-I. ~~131~~ grains. Mailed bust left, concave planchet, two punch marks on obverse, graffito H on reverse. Deep brown. Very Good. DARK PUNCH MARKS HESSBERG

27.50

STACK'S 'PICKER SALE MAY 1, 1991

145 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.2-I. 121.3 grains. Obverse shows colon sloping left after CONNEC and LIB. Die bulge at rim obscures UC of AUCTORI. Well detailed, fully round and free of the surface laminations so often seen. Glossy tan. Choice Very Fine. NICE GOOD COLOR, DATE OFF FLAN

$264.00 100-240-

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN. 1985

17) 1786 M.5.2-I Very Fine. Thin vertical scratches on obverse head. Smooth dark brown fields with devices highlighted.

NEW NETHERLANDS LOT# SALE DEC 3-4, 1968 Also, M. 5²-I (Rarity 3). Very Fine for coin; defective planchet as usual. Exceptionally well struck, all legends and punctuations clear; even some details of head and drapery are distinct, the reverse less so but still bold. Small pit-like planchet defect on cheek, similar but smaller rev. flaw. The flan of this above average specimen is nicer looking than those generally seen. Ex Boyd. 2 Pcs. OTHER 4.1-G

LOT# 328

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.2-I
FINE

5.2-I

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1786 Copper VG 9.40g 180° Miller 5.2-I (R3)

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL) 1989

5.2-I	1786	VF-/V	R3	Digs both sides, slight min
5.2-I	1786	VF-/V	R3	Slight striations.
5.2-I	1786	VF/VF	R3	
5.2-I	1786	VF-/V	R3	
5.2-I	1786	VF/VF	R3	Dig center obverse.
5.2-I	1786	VF+/V	R3	Clip at 1:00
5.2-I	1786	VF-/V	R3	
5.2-I	1786	VF/VF	R3	Striations obverse.
5.2-I	1786	F-/F-	R3	Rev. die break; obv. cr

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

26 1786 ~~Mailed Bust Left M #5.1 H.1 (R-6) VERY GOOD-10, dark with planchet laminations;~~ Mailed Bust Left M #5.2-1 (R-3) GOOD-6 bordering on Very Good. Pleasing. (Lot of 2 pieces). ?

#35

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

#2478 M 5.2-I. VG-8. Rarity-3. 123.7 grains. 28.3mm. 220° Dark green. Reverse scratched. (Total: 5 pieces) 1 OF 5 PIECES

The first four purchased between 1913-1915; the last by Albert Holden from Henry Chapman before 1913. NORWEB

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

5.2-I. Mailed Bust Left. 118.9

LOT # 2343

1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

BUCKLEY SPECIMEN ?

5.2 of 1786

September 1971 THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER Sequential page 335

A BIENNIAL PAIRING PUZZLE R.F. BUCKLEY

the specimen of the 5.2-I is in a very nice state of preservation. What appears at first glance to be circulation wear is actually more the result of being struck from a very shallow die.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1839 1786. Different head 1, shorter thicker bust. AUCTORI: CONNEC: Rx. INDE : .:. ET. LIB. 5-(2) I. VG. .65

2163 1786. C. --5--I. VG.R. 3; ~~also 5 (5)--M.~~ 2 pcs. .25

2094 ~~C. 5-G,~~ also 5 (2)--I VG. 2 pcs. .27

PAUL KAGIN LIST APR, 1984

1786 Copper. M B L M 5.2-I Very good Ex Miller-put his attribution on obverse in white ink Miller attributed & wrote the book on Connecticut 30.00

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1112. ~~1786 Miller 2.1-A, Rarity 3. Good. Dark and lightly porous with lighter high points. The obverse portrait is represented by a small round head. 1786 Miller 4.1-G, Rarity 2. Fine. An attractive example with a smooth brown obverse, and some reddish patination and some light scratches on the reverse. A tiny clip is visible at K-5 on the obverse. 1270 grains.~~ 1786 Miller 5.2.1, Rarity 3. Fine, but porous. The details suggest a grade of Very Fine.

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A total of three coins in this lot

2239 1785-1787. Group of 4 Pieces. NASCA SALE DEC 7-10, 1981

80 ~~1785: M.6.3, cleaned and porous G-VG. 1786: M.5.2-I (R-3), VG+-F, dark. 1787: M.4-L (Horned Bust), VG+, obverse scratches; M.37.4-K-1, Good.~~ Sold As Is - No Returns.

KAGIN'S LIST, SEPT, 1981

1786 CONN. M.5.2.I. Rarity-3. Attractive chocolate brown VG-10 ..... 130.00

NORMAN PETERS LIST OCT, 1980

5.2-I, R3 V.G: WEAK AREAS AS STRUCK $10.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

7. 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.2-I. Very Good, light scratches on rev.. 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1988

4. 1786 Bust Left. M.5.2-I. Good, no date, smooth brown planchet..... 20.00

5.2-I

SPECIMEN #8

5.2 - I of 1786

MOS Type A
Quadruple strike

First strike -- 50% offset

Second strike -- planchet rotated 180° between dies and struck again, 50% offset.

Third strike -- planchet rotated 90° between dies and struck 90% offset so that only date element appears on on specimen.

Fourth strike -- planchet rotated 180° between dies and struck, again, 90% offset so that only date element appears on specimen.

Far more spectacular than Specimen #5 (CNL, p. 468) in appearance, but not in technique, this specimen should remove any doubt that this MOS was deliberately planned and executed with considerable care to attain the result we see today. The third and fourth strikings each left a tab or wing shaped extension at each "side" of the specimen due to the very heavy effective pressure exerted by the dies on a small area of planchet. The completed specimen was then probably held by hand against the surface of an anvil, or similiar heavy block of metal, and carefully hammered so that the tabs with the date elements were restored to a, more or less, circular profile. This produced very heavy rim burrs which were then hammered flat and are visible on both sides of the specimen.

This specimen was discovered several years ago by Richard Picker and is now in a private collection. SEE STACK'S 'PICKER SALE' OCT 24, 1984 LOT #171 AT $1,760 — TO B. ANTON

N. PULLEN LIST, 1981 MISS-ATTRIBUTED

1786 Roman nose variety ~~M 5.13-1~~, R6
VG-F(10) 5.2-I 125.

1786, mailed bust left, M 5.2 I VG-F(10) ..... 55.

BOWERS' 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5659 1786 M 5.2-I. Rarity-3. VF-25, dark olive. Porous, striated flan. 139.7 110 grains. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2353. DARK
Ex Coin Galleries (11/87):1693.

DICK AUGUST LIST, MARCH, 1980

5.2-I

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 15, 1995 LOT # 11
COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 8, 1995

2978 ~~1786 Miller 4.1-G. Mailed bust left. Very Good/Good~~ 126.8 grains. ~~Attractive even olive brown. surfaces faintly granular, with a couple of typical planchet flaws. Struck from clashed dies~~; **1786 Miller 5.2-I** (R-3). Mailed bust Left. Technically Very Fine. 139.9 grains. Dark olive brown, coarse-grained surfaces show deep planchet striae caused by impurities in the melted copper. Reverse rim is ragged where the striae meet the edge. 2 pieces.

49.50

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

112 **1786 Connecticut coppers**, all MBL, all but one with Miller numbers painted on obverse in a clumsy hand: ~~M.4.1-G. R-2. Very Good, fairly smooth green. 134.7 gns. "4.1/G" together with "D" [uplicate] and [17]"86" painted in a fine hand on obverse, another. Very Good. 135.8 gns. Quite granular, reverse rough at right~~; **M.5.2-I.** R-3. Sharpness of Strong Fine in places, overall Very Good. Mottled brown and black, reverse corroded, clip at 6:00; ~~**M.5.8-F.** High R-5 (overrated, probably only R-3). Very Good, short flaws both sides, light brown~~. 4 pieces.

100 / 180 / 195

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 8, 1995 LOT # 2978
COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 15, 1995

11 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.2-I (R-3). Mailed Bust Left.** Technically Very Fine. 139.9 grains. Dark olive brown, coarse-grained surfaces show deep planchet striae caused by impurities in the melted copper. Reverse rim is ragged where the striae meet the edge.

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BOWERS M.H.S. SALE - NOV 18, 1994

3182 **Date run of Connecticut coppers:** ☆ ~~1785 M 4.5-A.2. Mailed Bust right. F-12. Rarity-3. 137.3 grains. Die breaks at obverse effigy's shoulder and A in AUCTORI. Medium brown surfaces display natural flan fissures~~ ☆ 1786 M 5.2-I. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-3. 127.5 grains. Deep chocolate brown surfaces display faint obverse fissures, with a major natural fissure extending from the reverse rim at 11:00 to Liberty's breast area. Deep brown surfaces. A decent coin for the grade ☆ ~~1787 M 33.7-1.2. Mailed Bust Left. VG-10. Rarity-1. 121.5 grains. Small planchet clip at 12:00 relative to the obverse. Dark tan surfaces with lighter tan highlights~~ ☆ ~~1788 M 2-D. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-1. 110.6 grains. Some small, natural flan flaws and a pronounced planchet cutter rim on the obverse. Deep tan surfaces~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

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STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

947 **1786 M.5.2-I. MBL.** Rarity 3. Technically Very Fine. 139.9 gns. Dark olive brown. Both surfaces granular. Heavy linear obverse flaws, lighter reverse ones. Reverse rim ragged, as made. Perfect die states.

85 / 85.50 / 92

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6510 Connecticut copper trio. ☆ ~~1785 M 3.4-F.2. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-2. 152.8 grains. ET-LIR variety. Visually finer than Norweb 2465; sharpness approaches that of Taylor 2307, the Appleton M.H.S. coin. From a clashed state of the reverse die, with prominent bulges affecting the peripheral legends. An obverse planchet flaw, as struck, extends from the rim at 6:00 to the effigy's cheek~~ ☆ ~~1786 M 2.1-A Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 96.1 grains. Die alignment 360°. Struck on a thin, lightweight planchet, as usually seen for this combination. Faintly porous olive green surfaces with faint reverse planchet striations noted~~ ☆ 1786 M 5.2-I Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-3. 111.1 grains. Faintly porous surfaces with some lightness of central impression noted. ~~A good group for the beginning Connecticut copper enthusiast.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

176.00

STACK SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

35 **1786 M.5.2-I.** MBL. R-3. Very Fine, soft in the centers, minor pitting, reverse hairline scratches. 115.1 gns. Somewhat mottled brown and light olive brown. Perfect die states. T. RINALDO

From Lyman H. Low's sale of the James S. Bryant Collection, December 12, 1906, lot 53. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

75 / 90 / 99

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

114 **1786 M.5.2-I.** Another. Strong Very Good, nearly Fine. 129.2 gns. Mahogany red, reverse rim dent, some light flaws; ~~**M.5.3-N. MBL.** R-2. "Hercules Head" variety. Very Good to Fine. 125.2 gns. Obverse rough in places, reverse die failure obscures details, cleaned~~. 2 pieces.

30 / 200 / 220

ROSA AMERICANA FPLMB SPRING, 1993

57 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.2-I Rarity-3 119.7 grains. Details of nearly Very Fine in some areas. That's the good news. The bad news is that the coin has been holed and somewhat crudely plugged at the center. Moderate laminations on the obverse, else a pleasing medium brown color, well struck, with full legends and date. Hey, it's cheap at only $19

According to popular folklore in the early nineteenth century it was a symbol of good luck to nail a copper coin ("head" side up) to the crossbeam of a newly completed building, especially a barn that had just been raised. We've seen several early coppers that had obviously been used for that purpose, including a chain VF 1793 Chain cent that had a large square hole right through the center!

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2102 **1786 M.5.2-I. MBL.** About Fine. Rarity 3. 123.2 grains. Brown. Flawed at obverse top, bottom reverse. Perfect states. Usual reverse orientation; ~~**1786 M.5.7-H.1. MBL.** Technically strong Very Fine. Low Rarity-5. 137.0 grains. Brown. Very granular, chisel cut and bent. States as Taylor 2366; **1786 M.5.0-Q. MBL.** About Fine. **Low Rarity-6.** Brown. Obverse micro granular, reverse somewhat glossy and hard. Planchet cutter lip around much of obverse edge. Obverse failing under AU, reverse appears perfect~~. 3 pieces.

100 / 110 / 121

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6513 Trio of 1786 Mailed Bust Left Connecticut coppers ☆ M.5.2-I. VG-8. Rarity-3. 116.5 grains. Die alignment 260°. A glossy medium brown specimen with some obverse and reverse planchet fissures, as struck. Actually quite attractive for the grade ☆ ~~M.5.5-M. VG-8. Rarity-3. 101.1 grains. Very faint, old obverse and reverse scratches, noted for accuracy. From newly failed state of the obverse and reverse dies, with a prominent die bulge at ORI on the obverse and Liberty's leg area on the reverse~~ ☆ ~~M.5.5-M. G-6. perhaps slightly finer. Rarity-3. 109.3 grains. A second example of this popular variety. Uniform faint porosity on both surfaces. From an earlier state of both dies, with obverse and reverse bulge, just beginning~~. (Total: 3 pieces)

88.00

1786 M.5.2-I Fine(I2). Smooth dark chocolate brown flan. R. MARTIN 3/3/87 - D. MITUZAS WHT. 129.3 GRAINS

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990

6.1786 M.5.2-I. 129.0 grains. Very Good, smooth and tan, struck slightly off center to the right. Weak date.

30.00

5.2-I

EX. STACK'S "PICKER" 10/24/84

A UNIQUE COLONIAL #171

Whoever saw a Connecticut cent like the one here illustrated? It is no double strike which sometimes happened due to carelessness, but what I term a "quadruple strike", for there are four distinct stampings of portions of both obverse and reverse placed symmetrically on opposite sides of the coin. A 1786

The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, March, 1941

cent was used, as the date plainly shows, and every leaf of the branch in the hand of Liberty is distinct.

All this was no accident, but purposely done by some ingenious workman in the New Haven mint of long ago; evidently to see what he could make a cent look like, and with decided success I should say. A desire to accomplish the unusual back in the early days was no different from what it is now, but such a freak could not happen in one of our present day mints.

While I have a number of most interesting coining press errors in Connecticut cents, still the intentional curiosity here shown I consider my "pet" freak.

—John M. Richardson.

Say You Saw It In The Numismatic Scrapbook

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

88 1786 Connecitcut. Miller 5.2-I. Rarity-3. 133.8 grains. Nearly Very Fine in terms of strike and wear received, with many design details fully of that grade level. Full, bold legends on both sides; the first two digits of the date visible, the last two lost to a small lamination in that area. The very centers of the coin are a bit weak, though the detail around it is still sharp, including most of the lines in the obverse effigy's mailing, and a bold branch in Liberty's hand on the reverse. Medium brown surfaces, a few insignificant striations on either side, but free of any sort of post-striking damage or defect. With its good color, this is a most pleasing middle grade example of the variety and type, and is quite attractively priced at just.....$79

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING 1995

92 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.2-I. Rarity-3. 135.5 grains. Choice Very Fine. A very aesthetically pleasing example of the variety or type. Well struck, with full, bold legends and date, and extremely sharp design details on either side, including the ornament in the reverse legend which almost always comes weakly struck. Gorgeous chocolate brown, slightly glossy surfaces that have a few faint striations at the absolute center of either side, but with no trace of post-striking damage or defect. 1786 issues seldom come fully struck or with any degree of eye appeal; to find one that has all that as well as great color is truly an unusual and most pleasing exception to the rule! Although only moderately scarce in lower grades, this variety is prohibitively difficult to find in anything approaching choice condition. A lovely AU coin with a large planchet lamination appears to be the finest known and has just recently been added to a major California collection. We know of nothing remotely close to this coin being offered at the present time and really think it will be most difficult to improve upon!.....$169

5.2-I

1786 M.5.2-I FINE. STRAIE. UNUSUAL BULDGE AT 'AU' IN 'AUCTORI" NOT SEEN IN THIS COMBINATION.
RON WIDOK, ILLINOIS. STOCK BOX APRIL,1995.

5.2-I

1786 M.5.2-I CHOICE EXTREMELY FINE. STRIATION OBVERSE
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION APRIL,1995

1786 M.5.2-I EXTREMELY FINE. GOOD COLOR. SOME STRIAE
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION APRIL,1995.

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT. 1996

4 Conn 1786 D.B.L. M. 5.2-I R3 Fine 135.0 grains. Reflective brown surfaces with tan relief creating nice detail. No problems, common in low grades but rare VF and above. 175.00

5.2-L

THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MARCH, 1964 P. 26

Canfield and Ryder declared that obverses 5.12 and 5.2 were actually the same die, so the combination 5.12-L is redesignated 5.2-L. (A&C, P. 4).

5.12-L 5.2-L

Var. 2. Line 2. 5^2—L (R^6) should be inserted.

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

43 **1786, M. 5.2-L,** called "5.12-L" by Miller. R-7. Same obv., now buckled at AUC and with diffuse rust marks. Rev. No lines on globe. **Extremely Fine,** light brown partly faded from mint color, **traces of lustre around letters,** fewer planchet defects than usual, one at edge affecting Ms. Liberty's foot being the only one requiring mention; devices not too boldly struck but clear. **No auction records in any grade; none in ANS in any condition. First seen in many years.** Ex Bowers 1972 lists at $495; earlier, ex T. L. Craige, originally from the Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** $445 **($600.–up)**

$445

'EAC'75'

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SEE BOWER'S "FREDGWARD SALE" NOV 13-14, 1995 LOT # 3012 AT $192.50

1786 M 5.2-L

Late Obverse State

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

BID GOOD - NICE COLOR - DEFECT AT DATE - UNEVEN STRIKE TAYLOR

2354 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-L. Mailed Bust Left.** 112.9 grains. **Low Rarity-6.** F-12. From the same obverse as the preceding lot, here in a later state with a pronounced obverse bulge obscuring UC in the legend, and rendering much of both legends indistinct. Slightly off center. Pronounced planchet cutter "lip" around much of the obverse. A couple of reverse flaws. Light golden brown. Originally described by Miller as 5.12 obverse, later discovered that 5.12 and 5.2 are the same die.

$121

This and the following two lots contain examples of 5.2-L in varying die states. The next lot, 2355, is a later state than seen on this specimen, while Lot 2356 is an earlier state. Specimens of the same die combination are traditionally listed in descending condition order, which is why they are not ordered here in die state sequence.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2355 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-L. Mailed Bust Left.** 120.1 grains. **Low Rarity-6.** VG-8. A second example of this combination, from a somewhat later state, showing the obverse bulge extending more deeply into the fields. Slightly off center on the obverse. Dark tan to light golden brown. Planchet cutter "lip" around the base of the obverse.

$66 X TAYLOR $66

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2356 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-L. Mailed Bust Left.** 109.1 grains. **Low Rarity-6.** G-4. Attribution number painted on the obverse as "5.12-L." Very porous, but an earlier state than the preceding two, with portions of the U and C legible. Medium gray brown. $44

$44 POROUS, ROUGH TAYLOR

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

27 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.2 L (R-7) Struck slightly off center thus difficult to grade. Some details nearly VERY FINE, others much worse. Minor planchet flaws, pleasing fields. Easily condition census.

$90

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986

1338 1786 M.5.2-L (R-7). Good, die bulge at AUC; IB worn off reverse, but almost all of date visible. Two-tone brown, old scratches. A major rarity, unrepresented in the ANS holdings.

95.70

1786 Connecticut Miller 5.2-L

BOWERS "GARRETT COLL" OCT 1, 1980

$600 (See Color Photo) GARRETT

1344 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.2-L.** 117.2 grains. **Rarity-6.** Listed in Miller as 5.12-L, but the obverse actually is a late state of 5.2 with the die buckled at UC of AUCTORI.

Extremely Fine to AU. A few minor planchet defects, particularly on the obverse, as are found on most Connecticut copper coins. Perfectly centered and sharply struck with full date and all details of the design. A lovely glossy light brown coin originally from the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby. A major opportunity for the Connecticut specialist.

From the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby.

OPEN $165 – SOLD $600 –

MIS-ATTRIBUTED

1786 M 5.~~10~~2-L NORWEB

Among the Finest Known

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

OK/NICE XF NEEDS BRUSHING

$1,320 A. TERRANOVA

2492 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.~~10~~2-L. EF-45.** Rarity-6. 124.6 grains. 28.3mm. 345°. Attractive, light mahogany brown surfaces. Smooth obverse, striated reverse surface. Undescribed obverse bulge obscuring UC in legend. The obverse is known in its later stages to show cracks through NE and a bulge from the final C to the effigy's shoulder. Technically equivalent to the Taylor coin, but this shows considerably more detail and is superior, in this writer's opinion.

Purchased between 1913-1915

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1113. 1786 Miller 5.2-L. Rarity 7. Fine, but on a grantla planchet. Nicely centered with a full date.

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R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

1786 M-5.2-L (R-7 Very Fine, planchet irregularities 175.00

R. HUGHES LIST, JULY 23, 1980

Extremely Fine, striations in Obverse flan (as made) 500.00

5.2-L

STACK'S "R. PICKER SALE" OCT 24, 1984
A. TERRANOVA
D. MANCHELL
PICKER

Lot No. 151

151 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.2-L. 124.4 grains. Another rare variety, in the later die state with the buckling at UC of AUCTORI. Small flan chip behind the bust, full sharp date, and perfect light brown surfaces. Excellent appearance, and in demand as a variety. **Extremely Fine.** $412.50

~~SECOND~~ FINEST MILLER 5.2-L

AMWEST "V.I.P. SALE" NOV 19, 1981

27. **1786. Mailed Bust Left.** M-5.2-L (R-7). Very Fine. Improperly called "5.12-L" by Miller; oversight corrected by Breen in 1975. Attractive brown color. Many unobtrusive planchet defects on the reverse. Obverse poorly centered but bust very clear. Well-struck in the centers and second only to EAC 1975: 43. $120 —

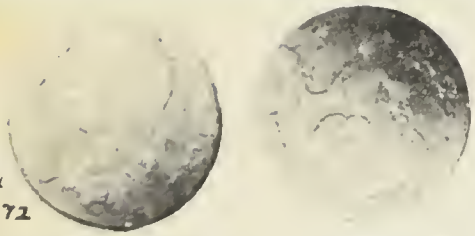
BOWER'S "D. C. MONTGOMERY SALE" FEB 20-22, 1976

1027 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.2-L. Rarity 6. An attractive VF-EF** $210 — **specimen of one of the rarest coins in the Connecticut series.**

RCR #22, #23, #24 & #25, 1976

BOWERS "RARE COIN REVIEW NO #19 FEB, 1974

1786 Mailed bust left. 5:2-L (R-6). VF-EF, exceedingly rare in all grades, especially so in the top grade offered here 495.00



BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.2-L (R-6). Unlisted in Miller (but a combination of Miller's obverse 5.2 and reverse L dies). All specimens seen show a die bulge at AUC of AUCTORI and have the dies misaligned 180 degrees. Very Good $95.00; Very Fine $295.00; VF-EF 495.00

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT, 1971

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.2-L (R-6). Unlisted in Miller. Very Good $95.00. Very Fine 295.00

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.2-L. (R-4). Good $12.00, VG $25.00; Fine
RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970 ..... 33.00

BOWER'S "1st NAT'L BANK DENVER" JUNE 22-23, 1977

2028 1786 Connecticut. M-5.2-L. 109.1 grains. Low Rarity 6. C-4. Attribution number painted on the obverse, old style, "5.12-L." Porous, medium gray brown. EX. TAYLOR LOT #2356

STACK'S SALE "PARKINS" JAN 14, 1998

234 **1786 M.5.2-L.** MBL. R-5 to 5+ (revised). 114.6 gns. Very Good. Dark brown color. Surfaces quite granular. We have records of 18 different specimens and feel the rarity rating should be lower than Low R-6.

60 / 60 / 60

Obverse bulged at UC. Reverse state uncertain due to surface condition.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

115 **1786 M.5.2-L. MBL. Low R-6.** Sharpness of Fine in places. 131.3 gns. Dark brown. Reverse detail stronger than obverse's; reverse flawed, typical obverse rim and edge. Obverse bulge heavy now, UC gone. S. TANNENBAUM.

60 / 60 / 120

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

948 **1786 M.5.2-L. MBL.** High Rarity 5. Sharpness of Very Fine in places but without much "eye appeal." 120.2 gns. Light gray-brown. Surfaces uniformly micro granular. Obverse flawed through first N. Obverse failing under UC; reverse perfect. Planchet cutter lip around reverse from 3:30 to 10:00.

80 / 140 / 154

5.2-L

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920

1854 1786. C. 5 (12)-L. Rarity 6 G. 1.00

1855 Another, good. .75

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.2-L	1786	VG+/V	R7	Striations, scratches obverse
5.2-L	1786	F/F	R7	
5.2-L	1786	VG/VG	R7	Upset rev.: slightly db
5.2-L	1786	"Dog"	R7	

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

18) 1786 M.5.2-L Very Fine (30-35). Obverse slightly off center affecting tops of CONNEC. Some scattered planchet striae. Mostly smooth light brown. (No Provenance)

19) 1786 M.5.2-L Very Good-Fine. Unevenly struck obscuring "AUCTORI" and corresponding "INDE" on reverse. (Gift of Herbert Silberman).

20) 1786 M.5.2-L Fine-15 Old cleaning, now retoning. (No Provenance).

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2481 Group of coppers: 1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-L. AG-3 to G-4. Rarity-6–. 108.5 grains. 28.1mm. 345°. Planchet cutter lip visible. Very late obverse state, equivalent to Taylor: 2355. Similarly late reverse state; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

5.2-L, R-2, Very Good, clean..... 45.

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2613 33.00 **1786 M 5.2-L.** MBL. Low R-6. 130.4 gns. About Very Good for both sharpness and technical grades. Dark olive brown. Both surfaces granular, small flaw above second C on obverse. Typical lack of definition on right obverse, left reverse (dies aligned medal turn). Later obverse state than the preceding, equivalent to Taylor:2354, UC now illegible. A second example of this scarcer variety. GOOD OVERALL

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1991

4.1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.5.2-L. 128.9 grains. Good, smooth brown surfaces with a crack extending 8mm into flan at 2:00. 35.

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL. JULY 22, 1992

*2612 302.50 **1786 M 5.2-L.** MBL. Low R-6. 128.5 gns. **Sharpness of Very Fine** in most places, NNE obverse, NDE reverse not struck up. Light and dark golden brown. Some granularity on both sides, light striations in the flan. Touch of cuprous oxide in center of reverse. Probable **Condition Census** sharpness, more detailed than the Taylor specimens, two of the three ANS coins, and the Norweb example. Exceeded by our Picker I (10/84):151 specimen. Usual, medal turn reverse orientation. Intermediate obverse state, the die failing under UC but those letters still legible (as Taylor:2356, earlier than T:2354/5). See the next lot for the later state of this die. UNEVEN STRIKE

2612

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER JUNE 8, 1994

36 55 55 55 **1786 M.5.2-L. MBL. Low R-6.** Very Good, quite rough. 117.7 gns. Dark brown, a filler coin. Obverse bulge at UC; reverse state unknown.

SEE BOWERS "TAYLOR SALE" MARCH 27, 1987 LOT #2354

BOWER'S "FRED & WARD COLL'S" NOV 13-14, 1995

3022 192.50 **1786 M 5.2-L. Mailed Bust Left. Fine. Low Rarity-6.** 112.8 grains. Die alignment: 360°, full medal turn. Medium golden brown. Slightly off center. Obverse bulge obscures UC of AUCTORI, and other swelling obscures other areas of the obverse and reverse legends. Pronounced planchet cutter lip around much of the obverse. *From our sale of the Taylor Collection, March 1987, Lot 2354* 121.00

EX TAYLOR

The die alignment of this specimen was not mentioned in the Taylor lot description.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE 'GRIFFEE' OCT 21, 1995

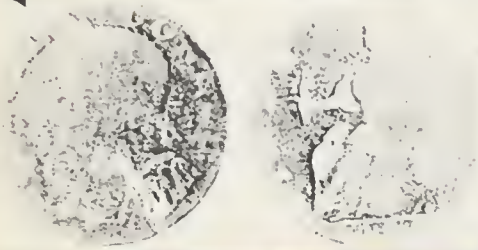
135 210 231.00

122. M5 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.2-L MBL (Low R-6) VG8 120.1 gns. Choice for the grade. Medium brown and semi-glossy. The surfaces are smooth except for some striae seemingly from planchet rollers, more so on the reverse. Typical obverse die state, with UC obscured by the bulge and weakness in CONNEC heightened by an off center strike so that only CO is complete. Although only moderately rare this variety is elusive to find nice. It was lacking in Oechsner and Hessberg while Norweb had a Good. See the EF Pine Tree 1975 EAC sale coin, lot 43, for a superior example. Reverse rotated 165 degrees.

5.2-L

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT. 1996

5 Conn 1786 D.B.L. M. 5.2-L R6- VG 146.6 grains. Dark and somewhat granular. Obverse flaw from neck down to rim and another tiny flaw at end of nose. Die swelling eliminating UC on obverse and LIB on reverse. Missing from Hessberg and better than Norweb. Similar to die state on Taylor. The heaviest example of the variety I have seen offered. 90.00



McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

130-
145-
159 00

148. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.2-L MBL (Low R-6) VG10 146.8 gns. This is actually among the strongest examples offered in years, marginally stronger than lot 122 from our 10/95 C4 (Griffee) sale, and quite respectable for the variety in general. Medium olive brown with a fairly smooth look to the naked eye, though lightly porous on examination. Late die state with a bulge obscuring part of the left legend. Struck medal turn, the obverse has a linear flaw up from the rim at 5:30 to the neck's center. This variety is usually found in low grade. Norweb had a Good, the nicest of three Taylor coins was an overall superior Fine, though it was weaker in some details than this. Hessberg and Oechsner did not have examples.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

89 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.2-L. Low Rarity-6. 146.6 grains. Choice Fine, some details of a higher grade. Fairly well setruck for an issue that is often found wretched. The legends are nearly complete, UC on the obverse obscured by the large cud always found on the variety. The reverse is weak at LIB, though most of the date is visible. Good central detail, with most of the mailing visible on the effigy's bust, and a bold branch in Liberty's hand on the reverse. Medium brown surfaces, a small flaw at the base of the obverse bust, though it touches no legends. Overall quite clean, and with wonderful eye appeal. About equal to the finer of the three Taylor coins, Lot 2354 [that piece was weak at INDE instead of LIB], and one of the nicest to appear in some time. One of the latest die states we've seen, the obverse bulge extending to cover the right leg of the A. A most difficult variety to find in any grade, and nearly impossible to find choice. In fact the only distinctly nicer ones offered were the Crosby-Garrett piece, EF/AU and the EAC '75 coin in Choice EF. Picker's was a corroded VF as was the piece in Stack's September, 1993 sale. Taylor had a solid Fine, while VG's were in the Stack's June, 1994 sale and the 1995 C4 convention auction. This one is probably not improvable without spending a lot of time searching and a lot more money — and it may actually end up being at the bottom end of the Condition Census.....$279

Originally called 5.12-L in Henry Miller's reference, it was later discovered that this variety actually used obverse 5.2, in a much later state; Miller 5.12-L was deleted from the roster of varieties and Miller 5.2-L was added.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 LOT #127 SUMMER 1999 (WHT. 104.0 GRAINS ?).
ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

155. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.2-L. Low Rarity-6. 106.3 grains. Very Good, the reverse nearly Fine. Most of the obverse legend is visible, the UC of AUCTORI gone to the ever-present large cud found in that area on this variety. The reverse legends are full, INDE weaker than the rest, and the date is nearly complete – just the bottom of the last digit off the planchet, as struck. The obverse effigy is a bit weakly struck, the reverse areas stronger. Medium brown surfaces, hard and free of all but the most trivial of circulation marks, and with nice eye appeal for a circulated coin. A most difficult variety to find in ANY condition, and one that is nearly impossible to find choice. While the Crosby-Garrett coin was AU and the EAC '75 piece was Choice EF, everything else offered has been in lower grades: Picker's was a corroded VF, as was the piece in Stack's September, 1993 sale. Taylor had a solid Fine, and we offered a similar one on our last price list. Solid VG's were in Stack's June, 1994 sale and the 1995 C4 auction, while the example in the recent Perkins sale was a very rough VG. A pleasing, inexpensive example of this rare variety..... $119

Originally called 5.12-L by Miller, it was later discovered to use the 5.2 obverse, though in a much later state; 5.12-L was deleted as a variety, and 5.2-L was added. In the recent offering of the Perkins piece, Michael Hodder suggested lowering the rarity to High R-5, based on his examination of 18 different specimens. We still consider it a Low R-6, however, and note that if there were another dozen or so that Hodder did not seem, the rarity would still be within this range.

5.2-0.2

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

44 **1786. M. 5.2–0.2.** R-6. Same obv., the bulge not as advanced. This has had no more wear than would be consistent with a **grade of nearly VF**, but it is very weakly struck on a lightly cracked planchet; first N and 1B very weak. Old pin scratches on rev. **(Photo)** **($450.–up)**

$320

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NO MAJOR PROBLEMS
BID FINE
— OK

$247.50

TAYLOR

2357 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-O.2. Mailed Bust Left.** 147.0 grains. **Low Rarity-6. VF-20.** From the same obverse used on the 5.2-L varieties described previously, but here in a moderate state of advancement, with portions of U and C legible. Attractive light golden brown, well centered with just the bottom portions of the date numerals off flan. Reverse die bulge beginning above Liberty's head, but not resulting in lack of detail at the base of the obverse effigy.

PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

506 **1786. M. 5. 2-O. 2** (R-6). **Fine overall,** though high in this category with many details close to VF sharpness.

$110

Date plain and all on flan, with bottoms of 8 and 6 just bleeding off edge. Usual minor planchet flaws including two on obv., rim (between N and E, and E and C of CONNEC:) these having the appearance of nicks. Light brown with darker mottlings. Comparable to 1975 E. A. C. lot 44 at $320

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988

2482 1786 Connecticut. M 5.2-O 2. VG-8 to F-12. Rarity-6. 133.8 grains 28mm. 180°. Dark golden brown. Bent flan. Later obverse and reverse states than Taylor: 2357. Planchet damaged after striking. *From Richard Picker*

$77

BENT SLIGHTLY

NORWEB

PINE TREE "BREEN '85" SEPT 6, 1985

65 **1786 Similar but fine details both sides.** M. 5.2-0.2. Second obv. colon leans left; bulges at UC and ornament left of Liberty head. Nearly VF, notably sharper than 1975 EAC:44 at $320; minor planchet defects as usual. Very rare (R-6), usually in much lower grade. (Photo)

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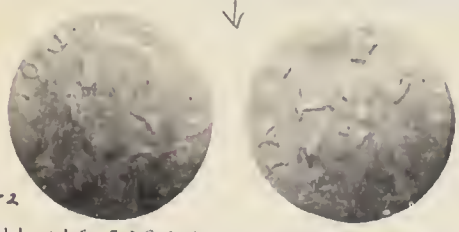

BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.2-O.2 (R-5). Absent from our *Review* No. 12 offering. An earlier state of the obverse 5.2 die than the preceding variety (5.2-L); the die bulge comprises just two letters, the UC of AUCTORI. VF-EF, a splendid coin 199.00

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STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

CONDITION CENSUS

DR. HALL
R. MARTIN

30-
350-
$385

Lot No. 1354 BASICALLY VF20 LIGHT REDDISH BROWN

1354 **1786 Miller 5.2-O.2 (Low R-6).** 149 grains. Mailed bust left, characteristic swelling in die obliterating UC of AUCTORI. Decently detailed in somewhat low relief. Golden tan and without disfiguring marks. Strong Fine, virtually Very Fine. VF 20

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

HESSBERG

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL JULY 22, 1992

2614 **1786 M 5.2-O.2.** MBL. Low R-6. 150.7 gns. Technically Fine. Light orange brown. Both sides granular, lightly pitted. Obverse scratched in lower left field. Full obverse failure, UC faded, later than Taylor:2357. Reverse failure engages head and is now quite pronounced, also later than Taylor:2357. Rarity commonly rated at Low R-6 but this appears too conservative.

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VERY GOOD OVERALL PITTED VERDIGRIS SPOTS

Only five examples of M 5.2-O.2 are noted in a database of over 3,600 different Connecticut coppers, while 11 specimens of M 5.2-L are listed. This variety's rarity rating could probably be raised to a full R-6.

The emission sequence for reverse O.2 is complex but appears to be approximately: 5.8-O.2 and 5.7-O.2, followed by 5.2-O.2, finally an additional quantity of 5.8-O.2.

5.2-0.2

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL.) 1989

5.2-0.2	1786 F+/F-	R6	
5.2-0.2	1786 VF-/V	R6	Thin with roller marks.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Red coating

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

21) 1786 M.5.2-0.2 Extremely Fine. Light planchet crack at 3 o'clock and corresponding part of reverse. Smooth light tan surfaces that are consistant with the grade.

5.2-0.2

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

LEGEND LETTERS ENTIRELY HAND CUT | 362 362 | 1786 all obverse 5's except 5.3 1786 reverse O.2

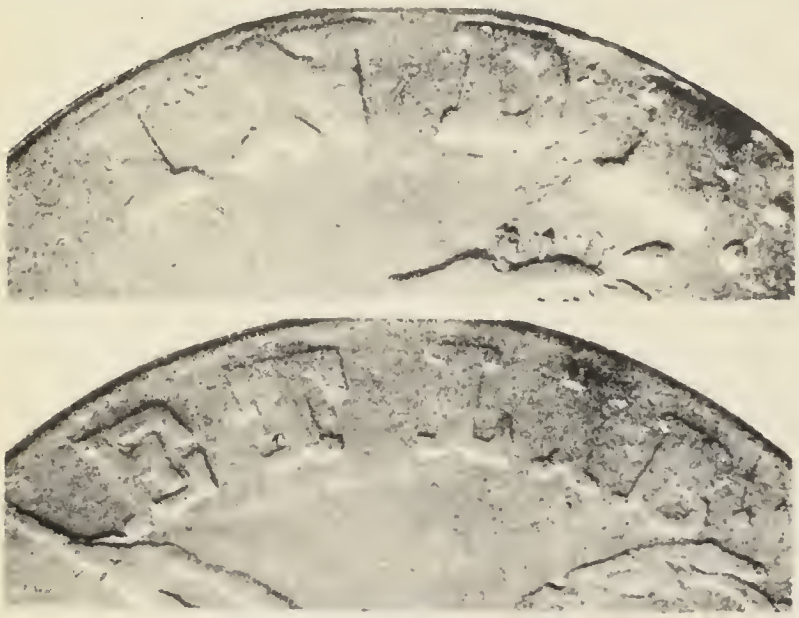


Illustration No. 8
INDE ET LIB from Rev. O.2 of 1786

After reviewing so many abnormalities of punch sunk letters, one must not conclude that all Connecticut coppers were produced from dies fashioned in this manner. Without a doubt some legends were entirely hand carved into the dies. Good examples of this category are the obverse 5's of 1786.
All but one of the thirteen members of this family have coarse, hand carved letters with irregularly clefted bases and grossly exaggerated serifs. Strong differences between the two adjacent "N's" in the twelve similar dies is one criterion alone to demonstrate that these letters were handcrafted. Reverse O.2 which is paired with obverse 5.2, 5.7 and 5.8 has exactly the same kind of letters, so all these dies must have been hand engraved by the same artisan. (See Illustration No. 8).

Obverse 5.3 is the odd ball in this particular family. It is entirely different from the other members, being sunk with a unique effigy punch called Hercules Head. It has uniform, unclefted letters which were obviously punch sunk without subsequent modification, yet this die has to be typed together with other obverse 5's because it is a mailed bust facing left, with two colons in the legend.

5-2-O.2

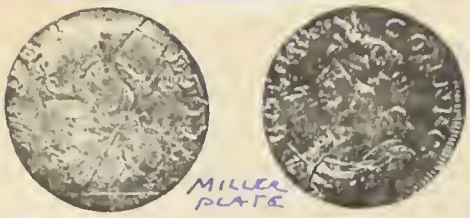
McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1985

90-
220-
242-

TO JIM GOUDGE

123. M6 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.2-O.2 MBL (High R-6) G4 125.9 gns. As nice as one can reasonably expect for the grade. Two tone dark and medium chocolate brown. Both sides with fine porosity but reflective still. Small clip or possibly dent at 2:00 obverse rim. Thin diagonal obverse striation through hair of bust to rim below. Die states slightly more advanced than Taylor. Reverse central detail approaches VG. This variety has traditionally been rated as a low rarity 6, yet we could locate no auction appearances since the July 1992 Coin Galleries sale of the Richard Picker reference collection which included one called "Technically Fine" as lot 2614. As part of that lot description Michael Hodder stated that "Only five examples of M.5.2-O.2 are noted in a database of over 3,600 different Connecticut coppers... This variety's rarity rating could possibly be raised to a full R-6." Since that time a number of major and lesser offerings of CT coppers have failed to include an example. These include Stack's sales of 3/93, 9/93, 3/94, 6/94, and 6/95 along with the Bowers and Merena sale of 11/94 and the Kingswood Galleries 8/92 sale. Other auction records for this variety include the Norweb About Fine, the Taylor VF20, and the 75 EAC coin called "nearly VF". The consignor's notes for this example state it is ex-Harmer-Rooke 1/86. There is an Extremely Fine example in the collection of the American Numismatic Society. Given the continuing lack of appearances of M.5.2-O.2 the rarity rating here assigned seems justified. No reverse rotation.

5.3-B.2



MILLER PLATE

T. ELDER'S HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 29, 1920 LOT #1838 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMBINATION NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN. ONLY ONE SEEN. FLAN DEFECT (OBVERSE) OTHERWISE VERY FINE. UNIQUE (PLATE) AT $14.50. NOTE → HIGHEST PRICED CONNECTICUT IN H.C. MILLER SALE.

ALSO REILLUSTRATED IN C.N.L. JULY 1969 ISSUE 26 P.13. BOTH SIDES OF THE SAME COIN WERE SHOWN ON PLATE II OF THE ANS JOURNAL & REVERSE PICTURED IN MILLER-RYDER

OVER →

BOWERS GARRETT COLL OCT 1,2,1980

COINWORLD ENCY. PLATE

1786 Connecticut Miller 5.3-B.2

SEE OBV. RED BOOK PLATE & BREEN PLATE

GARRETT

(See Color Photo)

TO A. TERRANOVA

1345 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.3-B.2.** 121.0 grains. Rarity-6. *Hercules Head* type, rarest of the three issues of this style. In the Henry C. Miller sale Thomas L. Elder catalogued this variety as unique.

The present specimen is **AU** from a wear viewpoint, it is from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection, and is far superior to the Miller piece. Perfectly centered with a very sharp strike on a flawless planchet. Warm chestnut brown color. One of the foremost prizes in the present Connecticut offering.

Obtained by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection. TO ANTHONY TERRANOVA

OPEN $400.00 SOLD $3,700.00

RED BOOK PLATE OBV. 5.3 (1989)

SEE GARRETT LOT #1345 10/1/80

758 1786 "Hercules." No rev. colons. 3 known. M. 5.3-B.2 1) Ellsworth, Garrett:1345, EF, $3,700. 2) Miller:1838, Boyd estate. 3) Craige, Bowers, 1975 EAC:62, F.

BREEN

GARRETT SPECIMEN

PLATE

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

MODIFIED MAILED BUST LEFT, "HERCULES HEADS"

First Complete Set Offered since the Miller Sale

62 **1786. M. 5.3—B.2.** R-8. Obv. actually from the regular Buel hub but heavily recut to produce high relief and very strongly marked features. Rev. no colons. **Nearly VF**, weakened by severe die failure as on the Miller Plate coin (obv. illustrated as lot 1838, Miller sale, rev. pictured in Miller–Ryder) but in a still more advanced state. Small old scratch above head, not affecting the pleasing medium steel color. Slightly less sharp than the Miller coin but free of the severe planchet defect on the latter. **Rarest of the three "Hercules Heads" of 1786;** this reverse die failed immediately, accounting for its prompt discard. **ONLY TWO KNOWN**, the present example of the unlocated (Boyd estate?) Miller coin. In the Colonial Newsletter, July 1969, p. 13, the obv. only of the Miller coin was reproduced from the Miller catalogue, the piece then still being believed unique; the present coin apparently had not yet been discovered. The Miller coin brought a then astonishing $14.50, the highest price of any Connecticut in the sale, twenty–nine times as high as the average. **At that ratio, this may well reach four figures. (Photo)**

$620 — **($700.–up)**

EAC'75

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MCLAUGHLIN & ROBINSON SALE 09-13-80

CONNECTICUT

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30 1786 M.5.3-B.2 'HERCULES HEAD' ***R8?*** CHOICE
SMOOTH CHOC BROWN, WEAKENED BY SEVERE DIE
FAILURE, SMALL OLD SCRATCH ABOVE HEAD - ***NO
DEFECTS***..................................... F15
RAREST OF THE 3 'HERCULES', THIS REV DIE FAILED
IMMEDIATELY ACCOUNTING FOR ITS PROMPT DISCARD
***THIS COIN WAS THE 2ND PIECE DISCOVERED & IS
EX: EAC, NEW YORK HILTON 02/15/75:62 - COMES WITH
ENVELOPE & ORIGINAL EAC LOT DESCRIPTION CARD $1,650 -
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5.3-B.2

RF-26 On page 5 of the March 1969 issue of CNL, Barnsley mentions the unique 1786 Connecticut 5.3-B.2 "...the obverse fortunately plated by Elder because its present whereabouts is unknown." The illustration at the right was supplied by Ned Barnsley and is from the Elder catalog. Does anyone know the present location of this specimen which should be readily recognizable because of the planchet defect ?

Lot 1838

Sequential Page 283

Comments on RF-26 Location of Unique 1786 Connecticut 5.3 - B.2

- Walter H. Breen observes that a great many of the Miller specimens went into the F.C.C.Boyd collection where, he believes, the estate maintains them intact today.

- Edward R. Barnsley reports another specimen in a private collection; however, it is not the previously unique Miller specimen illustrated in RF-26.

Also, please correct ye editor's typo in RF-26. The CORRECT DATE is 1786, not 1787.

Sequential page 119

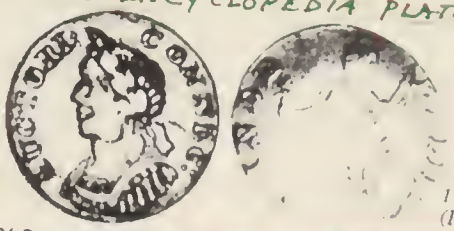
Illustrated in the plates accompanying THE STATE COINAGE OF CONNECTICUT is a 1786 combination of obverse 5.3 apparently paired with reverse B.2 . Inasmuch as no such specimen has been located since the death of H. C. Miller, we would like to hear from anyone who knows of the existance of this particular piece, or - for that matter, any other example of a Connecticut 5.3 - B.2, because the authenticity of this die combination is presently in doubt.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-27, 1920

1838 1786. Rude head l. AUCTORI: CONNEC: Rx. INDE ET LIB—
14.50 1786. Hand touches E, no punctuation on reverse. C 5-(3)-B (2). Combination not previously known. Only one seen. Flan defect otherwise very fine. Unique. Plate. R. 6.

5.3-B.2

COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE, 1990



SEE GARRETT LOT # 1345

1786 copper, "Hercules Head"
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

C.213. 1786 Copper: Hercules Head, M-5.3-B.2, Garrett AU, $3,700. M-5.3-N Taylor VF-20, $440

5.3-B.2

(10) HERCULES HEAD, Miller Obverse 5.3 of 1786 or Obverse 7 of 1787
NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS E. BARNSLEY

In 1859 Dickeson, describing this die, said: "the workmanship differs from any of the whole series, [i.e., other Obverse 5's of 1786] the die being deeper, and hence the muscular development of feature surpasses any other issue. To distinguish it, I have called it the type Hercules." Crosby was the first to recognize that the die was used biennially. He called it: "Hercules - a deeply cut head with scowling face; the same die is found in 1787." On Plate V he illustrated this die interlocked with both Reverse G of 1786 and Reverse I of 1787. Hall continued to use the Hercules Head nickname. Miller described the die simply as "Hercules Head. Scowling face, neck thick, chin rectangular."

BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY

Obverse 5.3 of 1786

also known as

Obverse 7 of 1787

This die is the popular 1786 "Hercules Head" obverse which was so named in 1859 by Dickenson (Page 259), but he did not report that it was also paired with a 1787 reverse. However, Crosby (Pages 215 & 216) recognized its biennial usage, and his observations were repeated by Hall (Page 7), and finally by Miller (Pages 15 & 20). The latter succinctly described the effigy as having a "scowling face, thick neck, chin rectangular". We surmise that this die was combined first with reverse I of 1787, and afterwards it was paired successively with reverses B.2, G, and N of 1786. We base this on the progressively wearing away of fine detail, such as the disappearing of gravure scratches extending into the field from the top area of the head. This is a suggested striking sequence based upon studying worn examples of the respective coins. The true order can only be determined by careful examination of uncirculated specimens.

5.3-G

Reverse G

INDE : -:- ET • LIB :

Group of four horizontal lines near first colon. Pole with Liberty cap. Stem of branch short and thick, with small leaves. Lower curve of B very close to rim of shield. Last colon has lower dot on shield. 1¹—G. 5³ G. 5⁴—G

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

63 **1786. M. 5.3—~~6~~ G. High** R–7. Same Obv., rev. with cluster of four dashes for ornament after INDE: **Ohv. of better than fine sharpness, rev. weaker as always because there was not enough metal to accommodate both the high relief of ohv. and the rev. devices.** Dark rough patina, minor planchet defects. Besides the present coin, that in ANS, and the Miller coin, we have heard of only one or two others, all in low grades. This obverse die was held over into 1787; the hubs, by then worn out, and with legends removed, had already gone with young William Buel to Vermont to make the bust left varieties of 1786–87. **(Photo)** **($350.–450.)** $240

$240

EAC 175

63

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY X
~~5.3-G~~ 6362 (6) GOOD(6)
MISATTRIBUTED 5 14-S

SEE COLOR PHOTO
ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.3-G
EXTREMELY FINE (XF 40)
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
22) 1786 M.5.3-G "Hercules Head" Almost Extremely Fine (35-40). Well struck and centered on a smooth olive brown planchet.
SEE COLOR PHOTO

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920
40 1840 1786. C. 5 (3). N. G. Rare. 2 pcs. G.? GRADE OR REV. DIE ??

OBV. 5.3 REV. G

1786 M.5.3-G "HERCULES HEAD" WHT. 142.5 GR.
ABOUT FINE. FEW SCATTERED PLANCHET DEFECTS.
DARK OLIVE BROWN.
ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION JAN. 1980

5.3-G

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (1988)
757 1786 "Hercules." Rev., coarse serrations. 4 or 5 known.
M. 5.3-G; Crosby, Pl. V, 9. Rev. ill. at 748. Cf. 1975 EAC:63.

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(10) HERCULES HEAD, Miller Obverse 5.3 of 1786 or Obverse 7 of 1787

In 1859 Dickeson, describing this die, said: "the workmanship differs from any of the whole series, [i.e., other Obverse 5's of 1786] the die being deeper, and hence the muscular development of feature surpasses any other issue. To distinguish it, I have called it the type Hercules." Crosby was the first to recognize that the die was used biennially. He called it: "Hercules - a deeply cut head with scowling face; the same die is found in 1787." On Plate V he illustrated this die interlocked with both Reverse G of 1786 and Reverse I of 1787. Hall continued to use the Hercules Head nickname. Miller described the die simply as "Hercules Head. Scowling face, neck thick, chin rectangular."

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BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY

Obverse 5.3 of 1786

also known as

Obverse 7 of 1787

This die is the popular 1786 "Hercules Head" obverse which was so named in 1859 by Dickenson (Page 259), but he did not report that it was also paired with a 1787 reverse. However, Crosby (Pages 215 & 216) recognized its biennial usage, and his observations were repeated by Hall (Page 7), and finally by Miller (Pages 15 & 20). The latter succinctly described the effigy as having a "scowling face, thick neck, chin rectangular". We surmise that this die was combined first with reverse I of 1787, and afterwards it was paired successively with reverses B.2, G, and N of 1786. We base this on the progressively wearing away of fine detail, such as the disappearing of gravure scratches extending into the field from the top area of the head. This is a suggested striking sequence based upon studying worn examples of the respective coins. The true order can only be determined by careful examination of uncirculated specimens.

5.3-G

5.3-G; Hall # 1748; Brand to Johnson 5/17/35; 133.7 gr

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.3-G
EXTREMELY FINE (XF 40)
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN. 1985

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5.3-G

5.3-N

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

Tied for Finest Known 1786 M. 5.3–N

64 **1786. M. 5.3—N.** Low R–4. The regularly seen Hercules Head. Rev. with B touching shield; usual state with severe clash marks on reverse. **Better than VF, many details nearer to F sharpness;** and dark green, minor central lamination defects, as made. Definitely in the Condition Census. Finer than lot 136, Merkin sale, Oct. 1973, finer than lot 56, Dr. Ruby Coll., at $310 to a floor buyer; finer than the Boyd coin in New Netherlands 60th sale (earlier from that firm's 51st sale). Many grades finer than the Miller plate coin, whose reverse is in an earlier state but more worn. **Not impossibly may tie for finest known.** Ex T. L. Craige coll.; pictured in Taxay, Scott's Comprehensive Catalogue, plate 14, no. 150. **(Photo)** $550 **($300.–up)**

$550

EAC'75

TAXAY PLATE (1976)

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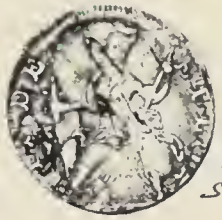
STACK'S "ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1963



TAXAY PLATE COIN
EAC'75
ROPER
XF
STRONG DETAIL

475
JOHN SYPE
JIM GOUGE

Lot No. 232

232 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.3-N. 134.3 grains. The popular "Hercules Head" variety, and the **plate coin in Scott's Comprehensive Catalogue.** Struck from clashed dies with the obverse legend visible intaglio beneath the reverse legend. The reverse is off-center such that the date is off the planchet, as with most of this variety. There are some light diagonal planchet striations visible on both sides, all of course in the original planchet. The coin shows the detail of the deeply-cut dies very well. Surfaces are dark brown with greenish shades. **Very Fine or better.**
EX EAC 75'

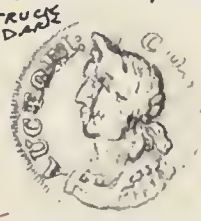
$550.00 → JOHN SYPE

Condition Census 1786 M 5.3-N

Hercules Head

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

WELL STRUCK
BIT TOO DARK
BID FINE

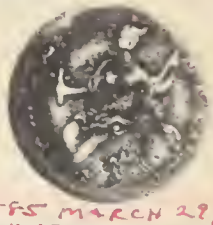


TAYLOR

$440 — WELL STRUCK, BUT POROSITY ON REV.

2358 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left.** Hercules Head variety 137.9 grains. Rarity-2 VF-20, probably solidly within the Condition Census for the variety. Very typical surfaces, with flaws running through the center of the obverse (see the Miller and Pine Tree I.A.C. plate specimens). Struck from a fairly late state of the reverse die, with evidence of severe clashing, and sinking around the center. Attractive, light golden-brown surfaces. Microscopic porosity. $440 —

BOWERS "E. M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1987



SEE NASCA SALE #55 MARCH 29, 1990 LOT #1

3017 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left.** Hercules Head variety. 137.9 grains. Rarity-2. VF-20, probably solidly within the Condition Census for the variety. Very typical surfaces, with flaws running through the center of the obverse. Struck from a fairly late state of the reverse die, with evidence of severe clashing and sinking around the center. Attractive, light golden-brown surfaces. Microscopic porosity. 302.50

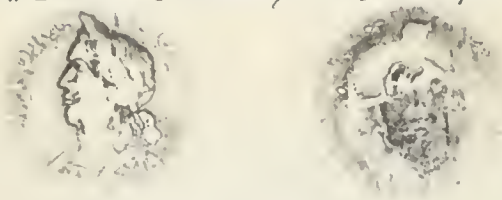
POSSIBLY NEW NETHERLANDS 51st SALE LOT #73 JUNE 18, 1958
EX-BOWER'S SOMERSET SALE 5/29/92 LOT #156

COIN GALLERIES SALE' FEB 22, 1989

1247 — **1787 Hercules head.** Miller 5.3N. Nearly a full date. Dark brown, obverse rim dent; ~~1786 Miller 5.5-m. Reverse scratches. Both Fine~~ 2 pieces 154–

5.3-N

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976



28 1786 Hercules Head M #5.3-N (R-4) At least FINE-15 with nice surfaces. Struck from a badly worn reverse die.
$150-

BOWERS "TUROFF" OCT 1, 1976
763 1786 Connecticut. *Hercules Head* variety. Miller 5.3-N (R-3). Scarce and popular variety. Abt. Fine. $55-

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976
541 1786 Mailed Bust Left. *Hercules Head* variety. 5.3-N (R-3). F-VF. weakly struck at centers *as always* for this issue.
$50-

STACK'S "R. PICKER" OCT 24, 1984
A. TERRANOVA

CHOICE "HERCULES HEAD"

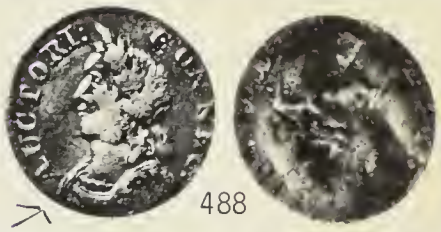
PICKER

XF

Lot No. 152

TO A. TERRANOVA

152 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.3-N. 157.6 grains. The popular "Hercules Head" variety, with the bust cut in very deep relief. Struck from clashed dies, with much of the obverse impression visible intaglio on the reverse. Better than the plate coin in Scott's Catalogue, which we sold in our 1983 Roper Sale, since slightly more of the date shows and the surfaces are a perfect smooth light brown. Another important type coin. **Choice Very Fine or better.** $742.50



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PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" SALE OCT 18, 1975

THE RARE "HERCULES HEAD"

488 **1786.** Modified Mailed Bust Left. **"Hercules Head."** **M.5.3-N** (low R-4). **Fine,** obv. boldly struck, rev. severely clash marked, usual late die state. Compare with the VF example in our E.A.C. sale, lot 64, which sold for $550. **(Photo)** $160- **($375.-425.)**

CONDITION CENSUS 1786 HERCULES HEAD

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

OECHSNER
CHOICE XF 45/50
DON PARTRICK

1,200-
4,250-

Lot No. 1043

1043 **1786 Miller 5.3-N.** Mailed bust left. "Hercules Head" variety. 134.3 grains. **Choice Extremely Fine,** struck on a defect-free planchet (unlike the Taylor, EAC, and Miller plate coins). Olive brown toning with splashes of brick red on the head and armor. The reverse is light golden olive, deepening in places, and quite glossy. The tops of 786 in the date are clear. Massive die clashing around the borders. The Taylor specimen, Very Fine, was regarded as "probably solidly within the Condition Census." This specimen must be well into the upper half of the Census! *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*
$4,675-

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982 R. MARTIN

117 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.5.3-N. The popular "Hercules Head" variety. Usual late die state, after clashing, with reverse details affected. Tiny rim defect at 2 o'clock. Glossy brown surfaces. Attribution in white ink in the field. **Very Fine or better.** NICE WHT. 124.9 GR.
$300-

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

118 1786 Mailed Bust Left. A duplicate M.5.3-N. This is the early reverse die state, with full date and legends struck up. Much rarer than the previous lot. Fine. OK
$210-

COIN GALLERIES SALE' JUNE 5, 1980

1431 1786 Connecticut, M.5.3-N, (R-3). "Hercules Head" variety. Very Good or better, with a full date showing, which is rare.

5.3-N

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1987

3016 1786 Connecticut. M 5.3-N. "The Hercules Head" variety. Rarity-2. VF-20. Medium brown. Typical surfaces. Somewhat early state of the reverse, rare so, without pronounced signs of clashing and sinking around the center. Definite reverse bulge beneath Liberty's left arm, but considerably earlier than Taylor:2358, for example, the typically seen state of the reverse. 357.50

Condition Census Quality "Hercules Head"

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

64 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left, the "Hercules Head" variety. Rarity 2. 131.6 grains. Choice Very Fine, struck on a lovely medium-brown planchet without the multitude of flaws that usually plague this variety. Only a touch more rub here than on the Taylor coin (which was said to be solidly within the Condition Census), but this one is on a superior planchet, and with much greater eye-appeal. EX. STACK'S "FLEISCHER" SALE LOT # 527 SEPT 7-8, 1977 $395

A much later die state than either the EAC #75, Taylor or Oeschner coins. The dies have clashed at least one more time, and the die sinking along the reverse periphery is even more advanced.

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STACK'S "D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 7-8, 1977

SEE BOWERS "BOYD, BRAND & RYDER SALE MAR 28, 1990 LOT # 1076 AT $209—

Lot No. 527

527 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.5.3-N (R-4). The popular "**Hercules Head**" type. The usual late die state, including clash marks on the reverse. Slightly off-center, affecting only the tops of CONNEC. Two thin pin scratches on the reverse. Struck on a smooth, medium brown planchet. Fine to Very Fine. $150—

136 — 250— 1786 Miller 5.3-N. Rarity 3. Chestnut brown VF-EF. The **HERCULES HEAD.** Early die state. The dies clashed early, resulting in an all but completely obliterated reverse due to the die damage. **THIS SPECIMEN WAS STRUCK BEFORE SUCH DAMAGE OCCURED, AND SHOWS PRACTICALLY ALL DETAILS OF THE REVERSE.** An exceptional coin, and far better than the Miller plate specimen. A very sharp strike, perfectly centered on a comparatively clean planchet. **ILLUST.**

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

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SEE BREEN PLATE

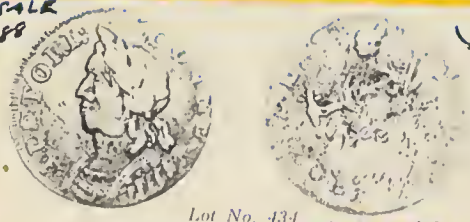
SEE BREEN PLATE

STACK'S "T.H. ALLEN" L N FEB 4, 1977

26 **1786 Miller 5.3-N.** Mailed bust facing left. The ever popular **HERCULES HEAD.** The obverse is perfectly centered and very sharply struck. The reverse is well struck and ever so slightly off center cutting off the very bottom of the date only. An early die state **without** the heavy die damage usually seen. Though the figure is somewhat weak in the central portion, it is full. With only some light planchet striations. **Very Fine.**

$150—

STACK'S SALE OCT 18, 1988



SEE SAN DIEGO SHOW (IAN A SALE) MAR. 3, 1990 LOT # 2394

Lot No. 434

DIGS, VF

50— 190— 190— 5.3-N

434 — **1786 Hercules Head** (no date visible). The reverse a partial brockage. The obverse very nice, the reverse has a number of small old digs. **Very Fine.**

STACK'S SALE " JAN 31, 1969

43 1786 Miller 5.3-N. Rarity 3. The well known Hercules head. Remarkably free of defects, struck ever so slightly off center affecting only the very tops of AUC. The bust, etc. all sharp. The reverse shows the evidence of the severe clashed dies, but a good deal of the figure, as well as the branch and ornament are sharp. Very Fine. A pleasant light brown color. $27.50

VLACK PLATE (1965) OBV 5.3

COIN GALLERIES SALE' APRIL 14, 1982 5.3-N

1708 1786 The Hercules Head variety. A smooth chocolate brown planchet though struck from crumbling dies. Very Fine. 345—

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STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

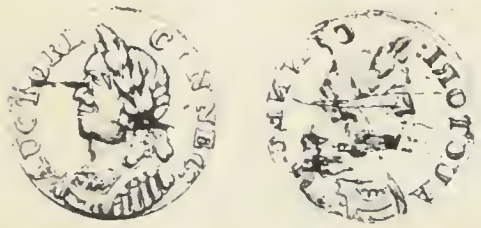
45 1786 M.5.3-N. "Hercules Head" variety. Fully legible date, most unusual for the variety. A nice even Fine. OK+

210—

5.3-N

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 19, 1966

47 1786 Cent. Hercules head. M. 5.3–N. Fine obverse, rev. nearly illegible not from wear (it probably would rate VG or better?) but from extremely severe die clashing which must have made the die all but unusable. Rarer than commonly supposed. Lacquered. *22.50



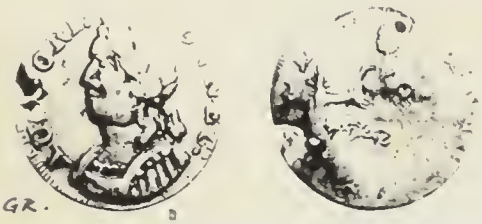
NICE

NASCA "KESSLER" SALE APRIL 28-29, 1981

2214 1786. Hercules Head. M.5-? Full obverse brockage! VF+. (Photo)

1,050 BILL ANTON

Very sharp obverse strike, one of the sharpest Hercules Head pieces around despite two large planchet flaws the same incuse with several planchet detects. We have never seen nor heard of another!



WGHT. 127.6 GR.

NASCA KESSLER-SPANGENBERG" APRIL 28, 29, 1981

2213 1786. Hercules Head. M.5.3-N. VF. (Photo)

100 *Flan detect at 9:00 obverse with a chip broken out, otherwise nice light brown planchet, minor marks, very late reverse die state with extreme rim buckling* R. MARTIN 3/3/87 – D. MITUZAS

SEE STACK'S 'FLEISHER COLL' SEPT 7-8, 1979 LOT #50 150

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

ROCK LIST $395

OK COLOR

150 140

EX. STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT #116 AT $357.50

1076 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.3-N. Rarity-2. VF-20/G-4. 131.6 grains. Popular "Hercules Head" variety. Dark gray-brown. Obverse struck slightly off center; reverse "X" marked. Obverse die state equivalent to Taylor:2358. Reverse state much later than the Taylor coin's, the die having clashed once again, resulting in concentric sinking around Liberty and the rim, with deep incusations of the obverse legends. This is a technically very interesting piece, one which will appeal to the die state Connecticut specialist.

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SEE ROCKLIST #1 FEB, 1989 LOT #64 AT $395

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1155 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. Hercules Head type. 145.8 grains. F-12/VG-6. Dark gray-brown. Granular surfaces. One obverse, two deep reverse gouges. Obverse die state equivalent to Taylor:2358; reverse state earlier, without the deep incusations around the periphery. Center nevertheless sunk. A popular "sub-type" within the Connecticut series, the head having been said to resemble that of Hercules', from its strong and stern appearance.

66 FAIR

Ex Henry Chapman stock. Chapman envelope accompanies this lot.

55

D. LINETT LIST, FEB, 1990

45 1786 CT Cent, Miller 5.3-N, ANACS Certified-Very Fine. This "Hercules Head" major variety specimen, is quite above average with defect free surfaces, well centered and medium to dark chocolate in color. A major important type coin. $695

D. LINETT LIST, FEB, 1990

46 1786 CT Cent, Miller 5.3-N, "Hercules Head", ANACS Certified-Fine. Certificate states "corroded", however, there is some degree of this, but it is actually lightly porous and dark brown to black in color. $285

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY COLL" FEB 11, 1974

55 1786. "Hercules Head," Miller 5.3–N. Extremely rare early impression, before the dies clashed (compare following lot). Fine for this always weakly struck coin, the weakness in central area as invariably, peripheral details suggestive of a grade well above Fine. The head on this die is cut in such high relief as to make it impossible for central reverse details to show up. Excellent smooth surfaces, planchet unusually free of defects. Ex Barney Bluestone sale, December 17, 1949, lot 283, as 5.3–G. PHOTO

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BOWER'S R.P. ARIAGNO SALE JAN 24-25, 1980

856 (1786) Connecticut copper. Miller 5.3-N, the *Hercules head* type. Choice VF-30, light brown, planchet defect above head. The weakness at central reverse is caused by too much metal going to the head on the other side, which was cut too deeply into the die. Heavily clashed dies, especially on the reverse where denticles are boldly impressed above the head. The two dies came together at least three times while aligned badly off-center without a planchet in between. Date and tops of CONNEC are off the planchet, as often found on this variety. From Dr. Ruby (Lot 56), ex Wayte Raymond sale February 18, 1947 at $45.00. In the Ruby sale it was claimed that this could very well be the finest known of the variety.

400 100.00

SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY COLL" FEB 11, 1974

56 1786. Another Hercules Head, same dies, in the usual state with extremely heavy quadruple clash marks affecting most of reverse. Better than Very Fine for coin, pleasing reddish brown (obverse) and steel (reverse); excellent smooth planchet though with a triangular defect above head. Usual centering, date off flan as are tops of CONN and LIB. More detail visible than on the Miller or Taxay plate coins or that pictured in the Guidebook—including details of central reverse. *Finest we've seen or heard of, possibly finest known.* Ex lot 14, Wayte Raymond sale, February 18, 1947. PHOTO

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5.3-N

L. MERKIN SALE' MARCH 15, 1967

40 1786 Mailed bust left. "Hercules Head." Miller 5.3-N. Fine for the coin, rev. with injuries (clash marks) from this obv. die but with more detail visible than usual as all legends, ornaments and part of date can be seen. Lamination defects in planchet on obv. (note R and CON-C); minute rev. rim nick at 2:00, no other blemish, of any consequence. Rarer than commonly supposed, especially with legible reverse. Better than the one in our October sale.

STEVE IVY '1983 ANA' FEB 24, 1983

17 1786 Connecticut FINE (12) Mailed Bust Left. Miller 5.3-N. (R-3). The famous "Hercules Head" variety. Well struck and centered with a strong date and sharp portrait. Dark brown; a trifle granular but definitely attractive. This popular coin is seldom improved upon in terms of condition or collecting pleasure. Ex Bullowa 11/29/79: 445.
$198

NASCA SALE #85 MARCH 29, 1990

EX. TAYLOR

1 1786 Connecticut Cent. Miller 5.3-N, Hercules Head, Mailed Bust Facing Left. Very Fine. (Photo) ($600-Up)

Though there are minor flaws in the planchet this is an exceptionally nice example of this elusive type. Most are found with the details on the reverse completely obscured by clashed dies. This specimen must have been struck early in the life of the dies. Light brown with traces of red

SEE BOWERS TAYLOR SALE MAR 27, 1987 # 2358

NASCA 'M. BRYAN COLL' NOV 2, 1977

13 1786. M. 5.3-N. Low R-4. Good.

Obv. VG; Rev. Fair and holed in region of date which probably would not have been readable even without hole.

BOWER'S "D.C. MONTGOMERY SALE' FEB 20, 22, 1976

1028 1786 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. *Hercules Head* variety. Miller 5.3-N. Some characteristic weakness of strike on the reverse due to clashed dies. Some trivial planchet striations, also as usual for 5.3-N. Fine. Scarce and popular type.
$125

SAN DIEGO SHOW (ANA SALE) MAR 3, 1990

D. LINNETT Condition Census 1786 Miller 5.3-N

SEE STACK'S SALE OCT 18, 1988 LOT #434 $190-

2394 1786 Cent, Miller 5.3-N, Breen-756, "Hercules Head", Mailed Bust Left, ANACS Certified-Very Fine. (Ranty-2). Probably solidly in the condition census for this variety. Very typical surfaces with minor flaws running through the center of the obverse. Struck from a fairly late die state of the reverse die with evidence of some die clashing and sinking around the center. Attractive light reddish-brown in color with above average surface hardness and appearance for the variety. Well struck with virtually all details sharp, except for as noted. ..... (600-800)
$495

BOWER'S 'NEWPORT COLL' JAN 30, 1975

36 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.3-N. *Hercules Head* variety. Fine or close to it. Some weakness of striking (as usual for 5.3-N), particularly on the reverse. A popular variety due to the unusual name.
75

BOWER'S NEWPORT COLL JAN 30, 1975

37 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.3-N. *Hercules Head* variety as preceding. Fine, but with reverse weaker than on the previous lot (due to striking, not to wear).
75

BOWER'S 'BARTLETT SALE' NOV 30, 1979

2096 1786 *Hercules Head*. Miller 5.3-N. VG-8, dull, graying brown, some porosity and weak areas on the reverse.
30

N. PULLEN LIST, 1979

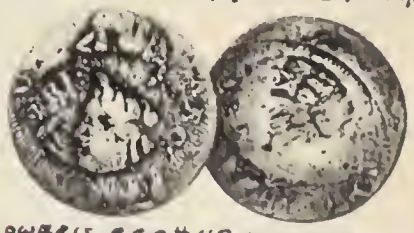
" "Hercules Head" M.5.3-N, R4 F-VF W/Full Date, Scarce 195.

BOWER'S 'RUSSELL PATERSON" MARCH 25-26, 1985 RCR #50, RCR #51 & RCR #54 JAN, 1985

$357.50

R. MARTIN

2116 1787 Connecticut. Miller 5.3-N *Hercules Head* variety. Fine to Very Fine. *Spectacularly double struck*, with the obverse (in particular) being a jumbled juxtaposition of lettering and portraits. A spectacular item for the Connecticut specialist. Probably unduplicated in any other collection.



BOWER'S RCR #49 OCT, 1983

1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.3-N *Hercules* variety. Sharply and spectacularly double struck. Fine-Very Fine 595.00

We have recently purchased a collection of mint errors and offer in the present catalogue some spectacularly double struck Connecticut and Machin's Mills issues. Take advantage of the opportunity!

DICK AUGUST LIST, 1984

41. 1786 Hercules Head, 5.3N, double struck F. rare thus $225

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

137 — 1786, Another HECULES HEAD, fine or better. Early state showing only a minimum of clash marks. Although the obverse does not quite come up to the Miller plate piece, the reverse is still much sharper. Dark brown on a porous planchet. 5.3-N
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5.3-N

BOWERS "R. BRANIGAN SALE" AUG 21-25, 1978

VF-20

32 1786 Connecticut. *Hercules Head* variety. Miller 5.3-N. ↑ 150 from the standpoint of wear. Exceedingly weakly struck reverse as always for 5.3-N. Lovely glossy brown planch. favorite variety of this year. 41 50 —

BOWERS "R. BRANIGAN SALE" AUG 21-25, 1978

F12

33 1786 Connecticut *Hercules Head* as preceding. Miller 5.3-N. 1 100 reverse better struck than the foregoing. A few m marks Pleasing overall. 41 00 —

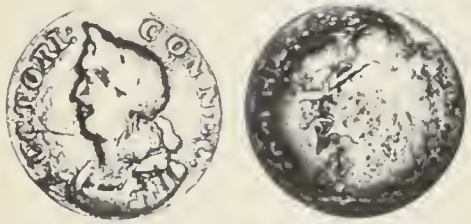
BOWER'S "UNIV OF ROCHESTER" JUNE 10-11, 1960

3010 1786 Connecticut copper. Mailed bust left, Miller 5.3-N, the *Hercules Head* variety. Sharpness of Fine-12, but dark, rough and scratched up. Usual weakness in center of reverse. 40-00

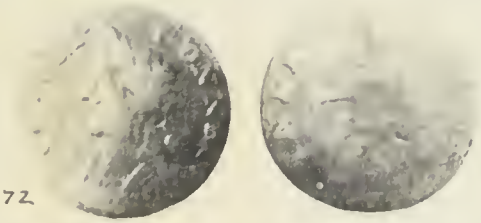
BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA "SEPT 17-19, 1984

619 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.3-N. *Hercules Head* variety. Good to Very Good. Dark and porous. 33 -

BOWERS RARE COIN REVIEW #30, 1978



1786 *Hercules Head* variety. 5.3-N (R-3). F-12, weak at centers $85.00; Fine-12, scarce so fine 175.00



BOWER'S RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Hercules head variety. 5.3-N (R-3). Fine $42.00; Very Fine, uncommon in this grade 115.00

1786 The distinctive Hercules Head variety. 5.3-N (R-3). Very Good RARE COIN REVIEW #12 SEPT. 1971 . . . . . 29.00

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1786 Hercules head. 5.3-N. (R-3). Good $15.00, VG $25.00. Fine RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT. 1970 34.00

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

61 1786 M.5.3-N, "Hercules Head", usual weak date; ~~1787 M.32.1-X.3, D.B.L.,~~ ~~from our February 1972 Sale. Both are~~ nice Fine. Lot of 2 pieces. 160 — 160 —

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

1786 M 5.3-N Hercules Head

The Taylor Coin

EX. TAYLOR LOT #2358

EX. SAUNDERS 3/29/90 LOT #1

533 50 BOOK

EX NASCA 3/29/90 LOT #1

156 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20.** Rarity-2. 137.9 grains. The Taylor coin, Lot 2358, where it was described as "probably solidly within the Condition Census for the variety." Typically seen surfaces, with flaws running through the center of the obverse (also noted on the Miller and Pine Tree/EAC plate specimens). From a fairly late state of the reverse die, with evidence of severe die clash and some sinking at the center. Attractive golden brown surfaces with microscopic porosity in evidence.

From our sale of the Taylor Collection, March 1987, Lot 2358.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1984

"HERCULES HEAD" COPPER

EX BOWERS 'BOYD BRAND RYDER MAR 28, 1990 LOT #1076

260 — 325 — 357 —

Lot No. 116

EX ROCK'S LIST #1 FEB. 1989 LOT #64

116 **1786 M.5.3-N.** Another. Very Fine. 131.2 gns. Light gray-brown, reverse "X" cancelled. Only minor obverse flaws, legend nearly complete. Late reverse state, after serious and repetitive clashing, die failing in two concentric bands.

From our sale of the Donald Fleischer Collection, September 1979, lot 527.

5.3-N

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.3-N	1786	F+/VG	R2	Severe die clashed reverse
5.3-N	1786	F/G	R2	Severe die clashed reverse
5.3-N	1786	F/G	R2	Severe die clashed reverse
5.3-N	1786	F+/VG	R2	Severe die clashed reverse
5.3-N	1786	F-/VG-	R2	Moderate die clashed reverse
5.3-N	1786	F+/F-	R4-	

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1982

2615 **1786 M 5.3-N.** MBL. "Hercules Head" variety. R-2. 132.4 gns. Sharpness of Very Fine in places, heavy flaws on both sides. Deep brown and jade green. Light obverse scratches and scattered rim nicks. Perfect obverse; very late reverse state, later than Taylor: 2358 and 2360, the die heavily clashed (probably from obverse 5.4), sinking around center, incusations from obverse legend visible around left periphery.

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5.3-N 9454 (5) GOOD(5)
6333 (10/2) VG/POOR
6380 (15/3) FINE/ABT

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

23) 1786 M.5.3-N Very Fine/Extremely Fine (35-40) Slightly off center affecting tops of legends. Reverse severly clashed. Light brown with darker mottlings. (Reverse shows 1786 incuse)

24) 1786 M.5.3-N Fine to Very Fine (15-18). Severly clashed. Some light planchet striae. Steel brown with devices and legends highlighted. (No Provenance) *

25) 1786 M.5.3-N "EARLY DIE STATE" Obverse slightly off center affecting tops of legends. Reverse fully struck and centered. Nice mottled tan and browns. Obverse olive brown with a few defects. (No Provenance) Grade ? ?

1786 M. 5.3-N;

NEW ENGLAND SALE 3/25-27/1982

755 1786 Connecticut Cent, Hercules Head, Miller-5.3N, R-4. VERY GOOD/FINE. one of the more distinct Connecticut portrait types. Planchet somewhat rough, and there are traces of brockage on the reverse (Page 38 of the Guide Book)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

73 1786. The famous **"Hercules Head."** M. 5³-N. Close to, perhaps equal to, Extremely Fine for the coin; traces of red, especially near face. Somewhat of a freak: Obverse struck off-center to the r. (tops of CONNEC off flan); Reverse die severely injured by clanging against obverse without a planchet between them; (very weak as always—compare the Miller illustration). A valuable and interesting example of a popular type coin; this and the Miller piece being the two finest we know. Ex Breen. **($37.50)**

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The Hercules Head is actually from the same hub as the other 14 mailed bust obverses of Miller Types 4 and 5, but the die has been extensively re-cut, deepened and strengthened by the Westville Mint engraver, presumably Abel Buel.

→ POSSIBLY LOT # 2358 TAYLOR SALE MARCH, 1987

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968 ↑

329 1786. **Hercules Head. M. 5³-N** (Rarity 3). Very Fine plus, all things considered; suggestions of original color about upper part of obverse. Oddly struck, somewhat of a *freak:* obv. boldly struck off-center to right (unusually broad denticles at l., tops of CONNEC: off flan); rev. weaker from severe die clashing from this obverse. Planchet not seriously defective; a few insignificant signs of handling at rims. This interesting example of a popular type coin, one of three finest seen by us, was lot 73 of our 51st offering where it was purchased by Fred Boyd for $30.00.

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In our 1958 catalogue we remarked that: "The Hercules Head is actually from the same hub as the other 14 mailed bust obverses of Miller Types 4 and 5, but the die has been extensively re-cut, deepened, and strengthened by the New Haven Mint engraver, presumably Abel Buel."

RED BOOK PLATE (1976)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

26 1786. Cent. The famous "Hercules Head." M. 5³-N. Probably Very Fine for coin. Obverse bold, reverse showing planchet "bends" and deep incusations throughout. A rare and popular Type coin as well as an interesting Colonial Mint error.

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Incusations as in the above derive from (1) the contact of the dies without a planchet between them and (2) a coin being struck on top of a blank planchet and then being restruck correctly. This appears to be a result of the former.

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.3-N
CHOICE VERY FINE+
EARLY REVERSE STATE
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

5.3-N

NEW NETHERLAND'S 35TH SALE NOV 10, 1951

554 — 1786. Conn. Cent. Hercules Head. M. 5³-N. Obverse Fine and very sharp. Reverse poorly struck as it shows letters incused from another Conn. cent. A popular variety, worth $7.50. 4.50

NEW NETHERLAND'S 42ND SALE OCT 23, 1953

$3 - Another, the Hercules head. M 5³-N. Unusual
LOT# 380 in that the reverse die is badly injured from violent contact with the obverse.
1 OF 2 PIECES OTHER 1786 1-A DOUBLE STRUCK

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

878 1786. Hercules head. M. 5³-N. Fine or better. Reverse weak from die injury; several flows, but bold. $6.20

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT# 2481 M 5.3-N. F-12. The "Hercules Head" variety. Rarity-2. 147.9 grains. 27.8mm. 185°. Deep reverse pit. Late reverse state, later than Taylor: 2358, about as advanced as Taylor: 2360, when in combination with 5.4 obverse. It is possible that 5.3 and 5.4 obverses were in use at the same time; M 5.3-N. F-12/VG-6. The "Hercules Head" variety. Rarity-2. 124.6 grains. 27.7mm. 180°. Dark. Very late reverse state, like the preceding; 2 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

STACK'S 'PICKER SALE' MAY 1, 1991

150-325-

OK, BUT DING

Lot No. 146

146 357.50 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.3-N (low R-4). 141.2 grains. The "Hercules head" variety, with coarse-featured, thick-necked bust. Sharp obverse, ring-like reverse bulge around seated Liberty from metal flow during strike, causing loss of fine detail. Deep glossy brown. Very Fine.

MILLER PLATE

REV. N

STANDARD CATALOUGE (1947)
5.3-N

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE COIN (1987)

by Norman Bryant. *CNL* 3/64, p. 28; 1975 EAC:39.

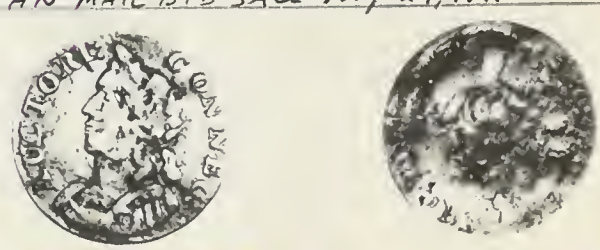
756 1786 "Hercules" head. Rev., fine dentils.
M. 5.3-N. Rev. usually weak from extreme clashing. Obv. from usual hub but drastically altered and deepened by hand.

BREEN

PLATE

SEE L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973 LOT# 136 AS VF & STACK'S ALLEN SALE FEB 4, 1977 LOT# 26

EAN MAIL BID SALE MAY 24, 1991



58 **1786 Cent, Miller 5.3-N, Breen-756, "Hercules Head", Choice Very Fine.** A Condition Census example to be sure. Excellent sharp obverse detail with typical reverse weakness noted. The bust is extremely sharp and clear for this issue, the planchet being smooth, hard, medium brown and quite glossy in appearance. No major defects noted of consequence. A very pleasing, major type coin. .....(500-650)

59 **1786 CT Cent, Miller 5.3-N, "Hercules Head", ANACS Certified-Fine.** Certificate states "corroded", however, there is some degree of this, but it is actually lightly porous and dark charcoal in color. .....(125-175)

STACK'S SALE SEPT 7-8, 1989

839 187- **1786** Miller 5.3-N. The popular Hercules head. Deep reddish brown color, somewhat lighter on the reverse. Die bulging in some places on the reverse, and planchet defects on both sides. Generally glossy surfaces. Very Good or a bit better.

STACK'S 'STEINBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

82 308- **1786** Miller 5.3-N. Hercules head. A couple of planchet defects as usual, and the reverse bulging around the borders. Centers weak, legends and date nearly full. Medium brown. **Fine.** EARLY STATE OBV. STRAIT, OK

5.3-N

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST MARCH, 1979

1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.3-N, (R-4). The popular "Hercules Head" type, with dies cut in extra high relief, possibly by Abel Buell or one of his apprentices. Fine or better, bold obverse, with the reverse in the usual late die state showing clash marks from the obverse. Dark brown, with smooth surfaces and a few trivial edge nicks. This piece is lightly "double struck", with a second legend visible in front of the face. This is the only double-strike of of this type we have ever seen.....145.00

1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.3-N, a second "Hercules Head," but this is an extremely rare impression from the early die state, with a full sharp date. There is only the slightest reverse weakness due to the deeply cut obverse die. A nice Fine, with absolutely no defects, medium brown color, and smooth gloosy surfaces.....195.00

1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.3-N, a third "Hercules Head," in the usual late die state. Strictly Very Fine or better for the coin, with as sharp an obverse impression as we have ever seen on this type. It matches the example plated in Scott's Comprehensive Catalogue. The obverse is slightly off-center to the right, with only the very tops of NEC off the planchet. Faintly granular, with brown and olive patination. An impressive coin, with amazing hair detail.....325.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978

1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N, (R-3), Very Good, badly clashed reverse, planchet defect central obverse, cheap.....35.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978

1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N, another, F-VF, bold obverse, reverse clashed and the late die state, medium brown color, two trivial pin-scratches, overall nice surfaces.....~~120.00~~

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

22 1786 Hercules Head. Miller 5.3-N. Nearly a full date. Dark brown, obverse rim dent; ~~1786 Miller 5.5-M. Scratched. Both are~~ Fine. 2 pieces.
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DICK AUGUST LIST, 1984

40.1786 Hercules Head, 5.3N, choice AXF with typical buckled and weak reverse, a lovely type $395

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1981 WHT. 147.3 GRAINS

1786 5-3-N HERCULES HEAD, WEAK REV. AS ALWAYS ON THIS VAR OTHERWISE V.G. 35.00

R. MARTIN 5/84 J. JEOFFREY

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #40 NOV 21, 1985

1786 Miller 5.3-N. Fine-12, R-4. Hercules Head. Weak on the right side of the obverse. Bulged die and clashed dies on reverse. $150

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N. Very Fine and double struck, though the first impression is barely visible under the second strike. Late die state of the reverse with heavy clash marks. Dark brown color; ex-Vlack collection, and an unusual piece..... 275.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

8. 1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N. Fine, nice planchet but lightly cleaned at one time. Late die state reverse..... 65.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1985

4. 1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N. Fine, very late reverse die state with little detail left. Dark brown, one small rim nick..... 60.0

5.3-N

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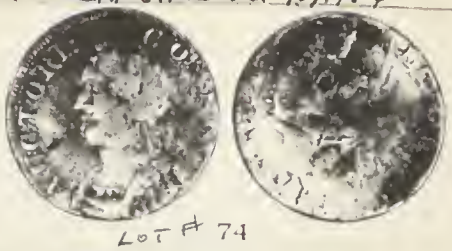
D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

219. As above. Miller 5.3-N. (R-4). Very Fine. The famous "Hercules Head" variety. The usual highly erratic strike with the reverse weakened by die failure and heavy clashmarks. The specialist will realize that this is still a choice piece which is close to—if not actually in—the Condition Census. $500

D. LINETT SALE OCT 16, 1984



LOT # 74

D. LINETT 'SAN DIEGO SALE' JUNE 23, 1989

728 1786 Connecticut Miller 5.3-N, Hercules Head, Fine+. This is another major important variety as listed in the Guide Book. Dark brown with some minutely granular surfaces but above average detail for the grade. An interesting and well struck piece with the reverse being struck weakly as usual.....(225-275)

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST, NOV, 1980

119 ~~120~~

Stock # / TO DAVE MENCHELL Price

119 1786 Miller 5.3-N. The "Hercules head." Struck only slightly off center on an exceptionally problem-free planchet, free of the cracks and deep laminations afflicting even such choice examples as the Roper and Taylor coins. Deep harmonious brown. Early reverse die state. The reverse somewhat weak at the center, since the metal needed to fill out the high relief bust had to come up at the expense of the seated figure. **Extremely Fine.** $1,000.00

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

NICE EXCEPT FOR LAMINATION ON OBVERSE

HESSBERG

140 400- 440.00

Lot No. 1355 DEEP GLOSSY OLIVE BROWN

1355 1786 Miller 5.3-N. 131 grains. "Hercules Head" left, bold strike with planchet crack as struck across face. Pleasing deep glossy olive-brown with remarkable sharpness of date and most details. Extremely Fine.

KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE FEB 20, 1991

6563 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.3-N. Rarity-2. 134.3 grains. "Hercules Head" variety. F-12, dark gray-brown. States equivalent to the Taylor coin's. 137.50

D. LINETT (SAN DIEGO SHOW) OCT 14-15, 1988

1247 ~~1785 &~~ 1786 CONNECTICUT LOT of FIVE. ~~Includes: 1785, M 3.4 F-1 (VG) & M 6.3 G-1 (VG) and 1786, M 4.1 G (VG)~~ - M 5.3-N (Hercules Head) (Porous G+ with a split planchet) ~~& M 5.8 O-2 (VG recolored). Sold "as is" as a lot, no return.~~ (5 coins).....(100-200)

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

94 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.3-N, another. 132.8 grains. Very Good or so. The obverse is fully of that grade, while the reverse is from a very late state, with extensive weakness from the collapsing die. Much of CONNEC on the obverse and, from the die state, most of the reverse legends are weak. Darker brown planchet with just a few insignificant planchet laminations—very minor for the variety and the grade. An inexpensive example of this extremely popular type. WAS $89.....NOW $79

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1988

5. 1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N. Fine or better, smooth brown planchet with no problems other than a couple of old reverse hairlines. Late state of the reverse, with multiple clash marks, swelling, and no date..... 200.00

6. 1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N. Very Fine details, but dark and somewhat porous surfaces. Earlier reverse state than the preceding example.... 200.00

MIKE RINGO LIST APRIL, 1988

3. 1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N. Very Fine, somewhat flatly struck in the centers. Unimpaired dark brown surfaces, well centered with full date and legends. Early reverse state with no signs of die clashing..... 400.00

MIKE RINGO LIST NOV, 1986

1786 Hercules Head, M.5.3-N. Very Fine details, but the surfaces are dark and uniformly porous. Struck slightly off center, affecting the legends on the left side of the piece..... 125.00

5.3-N

NICKNAMED CONNECTICUTS EDWARD BARNSLEY

(10) HERCULES HEAD, Miller Obverse 5.3 of 1786 or Obverse 7 of 1787

BARNSLEY COLLECTION

In 1859 Dickeson, describing this die, said: "the workmanship differs from any of the whole series, [i.e., other Obverse 5's of 1786] the die being deeper, and hence the muscular development of feature surpasses any other issue. To distinguish it, I have called it the type Hercules." Crosby was the first to recognize that the die was used biennially. He called it: "Hercules - a deeply cut head with scowling face; the same die is found in 1787." On Plate V he illustrated this die interlocked with both Reverse G of 1786 and Reverse I of 1787. Hall continued to use the Hercules Head nickname. Miller described the die simply as "Hercules Head. Scowling face, neck thick, chin rectangular."

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER No 74 SEPT, 1986 P. 93

SEE BREEN PLATE

Figure 4: The Hercules Head of 1786 and 1787 from a recut Mailed Bust Left die, from C.C.C. Illustrated is 1786 Miller 5.3-N, 142.9 grains. When the same obverse die was used in a subsequent year in combination with a different reverse die, this occurrence is described as "biennial pairing" and is observed eleven times in the Connecticut series (see Edward R. Barnsley, "Connecticut Coppers", CNL, 206-212). SEE L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973 LOT No 152

5.3-N

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER ISSUE #22 APRIL, 1968 P. 208
BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY.

Obverse 5.3 of 1786

also known as

Obverse 7 of 1787

This die is the popular 1786 "Hercules Head" obverse which was so named in 1859 by Dickenson (Page 259), but he did not report that it was also paired with a 1787 reverse. However, Crosby (Pages 215 & 216) recognized its biennial usage, and his observations were repeated by Hall (Page 7), and finally by Miller (Pages 15 & 20). The latter succinctly described the effigy as having a "scowling face, thick neck, chin rectangular". We surmise that this die was combined first with reverse 1 of 1787, and afterwards it was paired successively with reverses B.2, G, and N of 1786. We base this on the progressively wearing away of fine detail, such as the disappearing of gravure scratches extending into the field from the top area of the head. This is a suggested striking sequence based upon studying worn examples of the respective coins. The true order can only be determined by careful examination of uncirculated specimens.

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

LEGEND LETTERS ENTIRELY HAND CUT | P. 362 P. 362 | 1786 all obverse 5's except 5.3 1786 reverse O.2

After reviewing so many abnormalities of punch sunk letters, one must not conclude that all Connecticut coppers were produced from dies fashioned in this manner. Without a doubt some legends were entirely hand carved into the dies. Good examples of this category are the obverse 5's of 1786.
All but one of the thirteen members of this family have coarse, hand carved letters with irregularly clefted bases and grossly exaggerated serifs. Strong differences between the two adjacent "N's" in the twelve similar dies is one criterion alone to demonstrate that these letters were handcrafted. Reverse O.2 which is paired with obverse 5.2, 5.7 and 5.8 has exactly the same kind of letters, so all these dies must have been hand engraved by the same artisan. (See Illustration No. 8).

Obverse 5.3 is the odd ball in this particular family. It is entirely different from the other members, being sunk with a unique effigy punch called Hercules Head. It has uniform, unclefted letters which were obviously punch sunk without subsequent modification, yet this die has to be typed together with other obverse 5's because it is a mailed bust facing left, with two colons in the legend.

5.3-N

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

949 60 300 330 **1786 M.5.3-N. MBL.** "Hercules Head." Rarity 2. Strong Fine. 141.1 gns. Light olive brown. Obverse flawed upper left through RI; smaller flaws elsewhere both sides, none significant. Light pitting both sides. Slightly off center, tops NEC obverse, ET LIB reverse, off flan. From the **Hall Collection.** Obverse die still perfect; reverse severely failing around center. J. ROCK OK

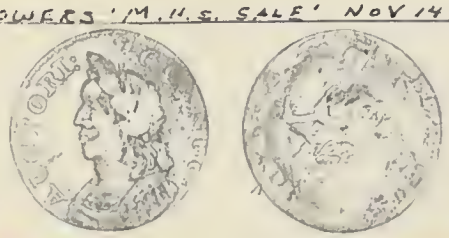
Purchased privately by Dr. Thomas Hall in 1895, from Charles Steigerwalt, as part of a lot of 36 Connecticut coppers; thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd, possibly with Henry Miller as the early intermediary. Round card ticket with "circle H" accompanies this lot.

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #9 SUMMER 1994 #106

STACK'S SALE DEC 1-2, 1993

818 240 375 422 **1786 M.5.3-N.** MBL. The Hercules Head variety. Rarity 2. Fine. 123.6 gns. Pale red and brown, lightly cleaned. Some light marks. Reverse quite rough and soft in the center.

BOWERS 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 14, 1994



440.00

3089 **1786 M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30.** Rarity-2. 133.3 grains. The popular Hercules Head variety. From a late state of the reverse die, with heavy clashing and evidence of die sinking plainly seen. Generally free of the flan flaws that often mar coins struck from this die marriage.

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3090 1786 M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20 for sharpness, surfaces uniformly porous. Rarity-2. 144.8 grains. The Hercules Head variety. Reverse die state as described in the previous lot. Deep brown surfaces with golden brown highlights on the high points. One diagonal flan flaw in obverse effigy's hair. UNSOLD

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES JULY 12, 1994

6990 **1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.3-N.** Hercules Head variety. Mailed Bust Left. F-15, perhaps slightly finer in areas. Rarity-2. 125.0 grains. A very attractive specimen of a very popular variety. Struck from a fairly early state of the reverse die, with swelling in fields not yet affecting INDE ET LIB, although central portions of the design have been affected. A few minor striations are noted, but they are considerably less obvious than the typical flaws found on other examples of Hercules Head coppers. Lightly cleaned long ago, now naturally retoned to a glossy tan. A nice coin for the variety collector and die state collector alike.

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BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY SALE JAN 5, 1995

2236 88 1786 M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. VG-10, uniform faint porosity and faint scratches on both sides. Rarity-2. 133.9 grains. The Hercules Head variety. From the typical state of the reverse die, with heavy clashing and central circular collapse evident. A small diagonal flaw is seen at the reverse center. Steel brown.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

114 30 200 220 **1786 ~~M.5.2-I. Another. Strong Very Good, nearly Fine.~~ ~~129.2 gns. Mahogany red, reverse rim dent, some light flaws~~; M.5.3-N. MBL.** R-2. "Hercules Head" variety. Very Good to Fine. 125.2 gns. Obverse rough in places, reverse die failure obscures details, cleaned. 2 pieces.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

117 145 **1786 M.5.3-N.** A third. Very granular Strong Fine. 144.7 gns. Brown and gold. Same die states as above.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

*950 175 240 264.00 **1786 M.5.3-N. MBL.** "Hercules Head." Another. Rarity 2. Fine. 140.1 gns. Even, light olive brown. Linear reverse flaw. Perfect obverse state; very late reverse, heavy incusations from clashing with obverse, center of die face severely sunken.

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SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #10 SPRING, 1995 #93

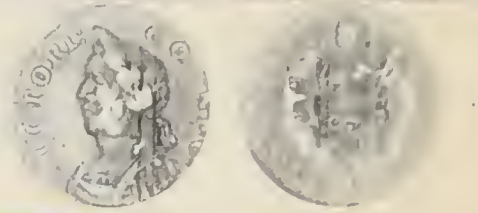
BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3187 165 **1786 M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. F-12.** Rarity-2. 127.6 grains. A second Hercules Head. From a very late state of the reverse die, with heavy clashing noted around most of the reverse periphery. Heavily sunken beneath the legends, but with some central details still in evidence. Some obverse and reverse flan fissures noted for accuracy. Typical olive-brown color.

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3188 154 **1786 M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. VG-10.** Rarity-2. 135.3 grains. A final Hercules Head of 1786. Glossy brown surfaces. Struck slightly off center, affecting the tops of AUC and NEC on the obverse. On the reverse, the date and INDE are fully represented, but ET LIB are mostly off the flan. From a late state of the reverse die, sinking at the center, but before clashing occurred. Lightly "X" marked twice at reverse center.

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994



467.50

3186 **1786 M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30,** perhaps slightly finer. Rarity-2. 148.1 grains. A sharp and appealing specimen of the popular Hercules Head variety, *absolutely free of the flan fissures than frequently plague this die combination.* Sharper overall than Taylor:2358, that specimen called "probably solidly within the Condition Census for the variety." A fairly close rival in overall quality to Pine Tree/EAC:64; certainly the overall equal to Picker:152 (October 1984), and many other specimens offered in the VF range. From a moderately late state of the reverse, with evidence of clashed dies and some sinking at the centers. The peripheral legends are quite plain, and much of Liberty's central details are also present. A hint of microscopic porosity on olive-brown surfaces. A choice coin for the specialist.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

118 180 180 198 **1786 M.5.3-N.** A pair of "Hercules Head" errors: Off center strike, About Good/Poor, extremely granular but attributable. 123.6 gns; Shift double strike, minor, Very Good, flawed. 141.5 gns. 2 pieces.

MCCANLEY & GRELLMAN "CH SALE" OCT 12, 1996 LOT #193 (PLATE) SCE CAN AUC ON (2 LIST) APRIL 20, 1996 LOT #42

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 (PLATE)

38 55 280 308 **1786 M.5.3-N. MBL.** R-2. Hercules Head variety. Fine. 134.7 gns. Interesting, light gray-brown. Both surfaces uniformly micro-granular; center of reverse with some more extreme granularity. No rim nicks or dents. Light reverse scratches. Die states about as Taylor:2358, the reverse a little later, with more pronounced failure in the right field.

5.3-N

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER 1994

POPULAR "HERCULES HEAD" VARIETY
THE DR. HALL-HILLYER RYDER-F.C.C. BOYD SPECIMEN

106 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.3-N, the popular "Hercules Head" variety. Rarity-2. 141.1 grains. Nearly Very Fine. This is the Dr. Hall-Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd specimen, described by Michael Hodder as follows: "Light olive brown. Obverse flawed upper left through RI; smaller flaws elsewhere both sides, none significant. Light pitting both sides. Slightly off center, tops NEC obverse, ET LIB reverse off flan. Fron the Hall Collection. Obverse die still perfect; reverse severely falling around center." Hodder originally graded the piece a "Strong Fine," though we feel the piece is quite close to the full VF level. A coin with a great amount of eye appeal—the color is about perfect and though the planchet has a few pre-striking flaws, these are not as severe as usually found on this type. A perfect middle grade example of both the variety and this extremely popular and naked-eye type, and with a pedigree that includes just about every major collector of colonials from the 1890s on—your name can be next on the list! Accompanying this coin is Hillyer Ryder's handwritten round cardboard ticket which gives the pedigree of the coin—a fascinating piece of numismatic ephemera. EX STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT # 949 ..... $529

Again quoting from Hodder's solid description, the pedigree is as follows: "Purchased privately by Dr. Thomas Hall in 1895, from Charles Steigerwalt, as part of a lot of 36 Connecticut coppers; thence, to Hilley Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd, possibly with Henry Miller as the early intermediary."

1786 5.3-N Miller Text Plate Coin
Phil Kalanta Coll. 1992.

1786 M.5.3-N "Hercules Head" Very Good. Earlier die state. Dark reddish brown with planchet striations. WHT. 147.3 GR. N. PETERS 10/61 – R. MARTIN 5/84 – J. JEOFFREY

1786 M.5.3-N "Hercules Head" Early die state. Reverse bulged; complete date and legends. Fine. Nice smooth brown surfaces. WHT. 107.9 GR. N. PULLEN 6/76 – R. MARTIN

1786 M.5.3-N "Hercules Head" Late die state. Reverse severely clashed. Very Fine(20). Smooth chocolate brown surfaces consistent with a very fine grade. Trivial planchet defect on reverse. WHT. 122.8 GR. D. SONDERMAN 6/78 – R. MARTIN 6/88 – D. MENCHALL

5.3-N

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE POPULAR "HERCULES HEAD" VARIETY

93 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.3-N, the "Hercules Head" obverse. Rarity-2. 127.6 grains. Very Fine, the obverse stronger than the reverse due to the late state of the latter die. Full legends on either side [it's very unusual to have any reverse legends visible with this late die state]; the date is completely off the planchet due to centering. Medium brown surfaces, slightly hard but with a few planchet flaws on either side, completely typical for the variety. The obverse has one on the effigy's head extending to the first C of CONNEC and a small one in front of his nose. The reverse has a very small and minor one at the shield. The flaws are fewer than normally found on this variety. No major post-striking damage such as nicks or scratches which give the coin significant eye appeal. A very choice example of this popular and unique type coin, the hand-strengthened bust details on the obverse giving a rather muscular appearance to the effigy, hence the "Hercules Head" nickname for the variety. This obverse was paired with four different reverses, one dated 1787, though this is the only one that is even remotely collectable. A very appealing example of this popular type coin, common enough in grades of Fine and lower, but decidedly difficult to find any better. We've handled a few VF's in the last few years, and each has sold quickly and usually to an advanced collector who recognizes that condition rarities are quite tough to find. EX: BOWERS' "MASS HIST. SOC" SALE NOV 1 & 2, 1994 LOT # 3187 AT $165 ..... $319

Typical reverse die state with heavy clashing around the peripheries and severe die sinking and buckling around the seated figure. This reverse was clearly worked far after it should have been retired.

STACK'S SALE "BOYD - RYDER" JUNE 8, 1994

350-
500-

Lot No. 37

GEORGE PERKINS

NICE COLOR
REV - DEFECT INSIGNIFICANT

37 / 1786 M.5.3-N. MBL. "Hercules Head" variety. R-2. Very Fine, good olive brown color but many reverse hairline scratches. 135.3 gns. Faint obverse swelling under ORI; reverse failing heavily around the center but no incusations, yet.

BOWER'S "FRED & WARD COLL'S" NOV 13-14, 1995

3023 1786 M 5.3-N. Mailed Bust Left. Choice Fine. Rarity-2. 131.0 grains. The popular Hercules Head variety. Remarkably free of the flan flaws that typically encumber this die combination's quality; much nicer than generally available. Early reverse die state, with some sinking at the center, but legends, punctuation, and date clear and not yet as affected as specimens from the later, usually seen die state. Medium steel brown.

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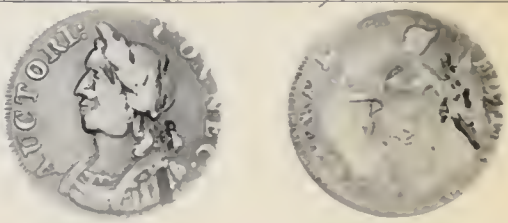
3023

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996

SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT # 38 AT $308-

42 1786 CT Copper, Miller 5.3-N, "Hercules Head" obverse, Very Fine. 134.8 grains. Rarity 2. Typical weakness on the reverse, but with a strong obverse. Rich, chocolate-brown in color, with some faint porosity. Some very light scratches in the center of the reverse are barely visible and we mention them solely for the sake of accuracy. ..... (575-625)

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) APRIL 20, 1996



41 1786 CT Copper, Miller 5.3-N, "Hercules Head" obverse. Choice Very Fine. 125.1 grains. A well-struck example from a reverse die that appears to have been on its last leg. As usual, we see heavy clash marks, rippled surfaces due to die buckling, and a loss of details in certain areas (in particular, there is no date). Some lamination flaws are noted on both sides (see photo). Overall, this piece has nice eye appeal. ..... (625-675)

BOWER'S "SEBRING & GARBE" MARCH 21, 1996

$467

TO NEIL ROTHSCHILD

NICE

1079 1786 Connecticut copper. Mailed Left. M 5.3-N. VF. Rarity-2. 132.0 grains. Hercules Head. Choice chocolate brown surfaces free of the flan flaws and other natural problems usually associated with this popular issue. From the advanced state of the reverse die, with prominent clash marks and bulges caused by die failure. A choice planchet example of a usually flawed variety.

EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) SEPT 15, 1995

389 1786 CT Copper, Miller 5.3-N, Hercules Head. Very Fine. Struck from a very late state of the dies, with so much bulging on the reverse that most of the details, including the date, are indistinct. The surfaces are uniformly and lightly granular, yet still attractive and the dark brown fields contrast nicely with the lighter olive and tan high points. A scarce and popular "Redbook" type. ..... (600-700)

EAN AUCTIONS (LINETT) MARCH 21, 1992

70 1786 Cent, Miller 5.3-N, "Hercules Head", ANACS Certified-Fine. A dark, granular coin, somewhat charcoal in appearance. To this degree the certificate states "corroded". ..... (100-150)

5.3-N

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C-4 GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995

88 #269 1786 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.5.3-N (R-2) G7 132.8 grains. The Hercules Head. Glossy attractive chocolate brown with only minor circulation marks and very modest planchet flaws. The reverse shows only light vestiges of detail from heavy wear and a collapsing die, while CONNEC is extremely weak on the obverse. Still shows the distinctive bust type well. An eye appealing low grade example.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C-4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

210-290-319 SEE COLOR PHOTO

193. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.3-N MBL (R-2) VF20 134.7 gns. The "Hercules Head" type. While actually fairly common it is always highly in demand for its distinctive obverse, which is nicely displayed on this coin with a basically smooth surface and only traces of porosity. Both sides are an even chocolate brown. The reverse is from a fairly late die state, which is typical, and bulging obscures much of the right center detail. The legends though are strong and the date is full and bold which is frequently not the case. Microscopic porosity, though still minor, is more present on the reverse mostly around the edges and there are several fully toned vertical pin scratches at center right.

SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT # 38
SEE EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) AUCTION APRIL 20, 1986 LOT # 42 (PLATE)

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C-4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

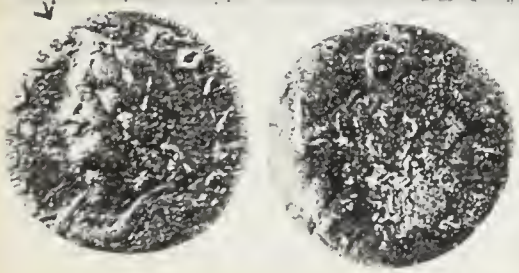
194. 170 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.3-N MBL (R-2) VF25 142.5 gns. This example is a light chocolate brown and reflective. "Hercules" exhibits overall greater detail but several striations nest in his hair. The reverse has bulged further and while the very center is slightly stronger than the preceding lot the shield here is virtually gone. Struck a bit low on the reverse so that the date, which in all likelihood would have been weak, now is gone also. In its place someone has improvised one through very faint etching though it is unlikely to be noticed without studied effort. That is partially because a flaw at the rim at 7:00 tends to draw ones eyes in that direction instead. D. NITUZAS

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C-4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

195. 225 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.3-N MBL (R-2) F15 124.9 gns. Another example. Medium to light olive brown with surfaces that are semi glossy with a couple of small striations and a some striae. Hercules' head is largely unaffected. Again the reverse shows bulging but the date is clear though the bottom fourth has fallen off the flan. Each side shows one very light rim bruise. Quite presentable. 165/205

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST # 2 OCT, 1996

6 Conn 1786 D.B.L. M. 5.3-N R2 VF 138.5 grains. "Hercules Head" variety. Dark and granular surfaces. Dispite granularity surfaces are still reflective and relatively attractive. Scattered verdigres well blended with the dark color. Slightly off center effecting the tops of AUCTO on obverse and most of INDE and all of date on reverse. Reverse die swelling as is often seen. 175.00



M & G 2ND C4 SALE "BARNES COLL" OCT 12, 1996
LOT#193 1786 M.5.3-N WHT 134.7 GRAINS

EX STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT # 38
EX EAN AUCTION (D. LINETT) AUCTION 4/20/86 LOT # 42 (PLATE)

5.3-N

EARLY AMERICAN HIST. AUCT. APRIL 26, 1997

551 1786 CT Copper, Hercules Head", Choice Very Fine. 141.5
491 grains. Miller 5.3-N, Rarity 2. Choice surfaces and color. Struck from a late state of the dies, with such incredible bulging on the reverse that most of the die details have been effaced. This is one of the more popular varieties in the series. ..... (700-850)

MCCAWLEY & GRH LAGH 5th CH SALE NOV 6, 1997

149.99 - 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.3-N MBL (R-2) F12 120.8 gns 55-
The "Hercules Head" type. Though fairly common it is always in 90-
demand for its distinctive obverse. This coin is dark olive brown and 99-
smooth but with an obverse striation from the rim at 9:30 into the near center of the coin that is deep enough to emerge on the reverse along with a few others. Essentially it results in this coin being cracked. Hercules however is handsome in a worn kind of way. From a fairly late reverse die state and struck low so it is dateless.

ROSA AMERICANA LDT FPL #14 LOT #128 SUMMER 1999 AT $129 -
ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 1997 (SPRING)

90 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.3-N, the "Hercules Head" obverse. Rarity-2. 123.6 grains. Fine, high in that grade level. Boldly struck, with full legends, a complete date and sharp design details, especially on the deeply-cut obverse which gave rise to this varieties nickname. Dark brown surfaces, slightly rough. One small dent at Liberty's left shoulder, else free of damage. Struck from the extremely rare EARLY DIE STATE of this reverse, before that die clashed and started failing around the peripheries, thus with some details that are missing from even higher grade coins in the late die stae. Apparently this reverse failed quite early on in its life, since perfect die states are quite rare. This is the firt we've handled in years, and should be of interest to the specialist at only.....$119

EAC SALE APRIL 4, 1998

14	1786	M5.3-N	2	12	10	CONNECTICUT-MAILED BUST LEFT-HERCULES HEAD. Brown with some black deposit around some devices. Reasonably smooth surfaces. Some minor circ. marks, hairlines and digs. Late die state with very heavy rev. swelling. Planchet flaw at center of rev. No date. AVERAGE. $160 -

5.3-N

1786 5.3-N ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

5.4-G

PINE TREE SALE 'FEB 15, 1975

45* **1786. M. 5.4-G.** R-2. Coarse serrations, normal letters and mail. **Between VF and EF in sharpness,** pale steel color, surfaces consistent with VF plus grade; unusually even strike for this design, overall more detail showing than on coins of other varieties of this type graded higher than EF. **One of the best around;** in a class with lot 138 of the Merkin sale, called EF, at $210 to E.L.W., a figure which would be very low today because of type collector pressure. **(Photo)** **($200.–up)**
*Bids accepted by mail only. EAC'75 $135?

BREEN PLATE

45

PINE TREE 'EAC'75' FEB 15, 1975

331 **1786.** M. 4.5-G. Coarse serrations, normal letters and mail. R-2. **Better than VF,** an excellent match for the outstanding coin offered as lot 45 in every respect except color. Warm, rich tan; few minute to microscopic bag marks, not affecting the color; overall suitable for a type collector who insists on excellent striking quality. **(Photo)** **($200.–up)**
$375 EAC'75 $375

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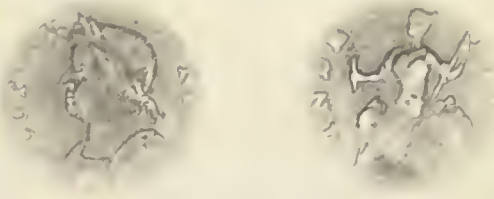
NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976



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NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

29 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.4-G (R-2) ALMOST UNCIRCULATED-50, recolored long ago. Well struck with superb surfaces. One of the finest specimens of this type to be offered in recent years.
$160

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988

OK VF20 BUT LIGHT STRAIE REV.

$187 NORWEB

2483 1786 Connecticut. M 5.4-G. VF-20. Rarity-2. 141.6 grains. 28.5mm. 185°. Rich, dark brown. A nice coin, equal in eye appeal to Taylor: 2359, as well as in overall sharpness. Technical grade also equal to the Taylor coin. Reverse minor striations at the base of Liberty's figure, as often found. Light iridescence on both faces from long storage in a manila envelope.
Purchased between 1913-1915.

NEW ENGLAND SALE, MAY 29, 1977

3 1786 Connecticut Copper. Mailed Bust Left. M #5.4-G. R-2. ALMOST UNCIRCULATED-50, recolored long ago. Well struck with superb surfaces. One of the finest specimens of this type to be offered in recent years. Ex. Publick II, Lot #29. AT $130
130

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE VF20 SMOOTH

$247.50 TINY NICK TAYLOR

2359 1786 Connecticut. M 5.4-G. Mailed Bust Left. 133.3 grains. Rarity-2. VF-20. Not a rare variety, but attractive, with medium golden-brown surfaces free from porosity, striations or fissures, and serious handling marks. Just even, old wear. Probably one of the finest available to collectors today. Better centered on the reverse than the Pine Tree I. A.C. specimen.

SEE STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1982 LOT #209

EX STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT #120 AT $82.50

BOWER'S BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR, 28, 1990

1156 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.4-G. Mailed Bust Left. 142.5 grains. Rarity-2. F-15. Dark brown, nearly black surfaces; dark golden brown high points. Well centered on both sides (the reverse die slightly smaller than the flan). Both sides microscopically porous. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2359. TOO DARK
$99

Ex Henry Chapman stock. Chapman envelope accompanies this lot.

NOTE: An interesting technical feature may be observed on the edge of this piece. While there are no obvious planchet cutter marks visible, the edge is clearly beveled, creating a broader obverse surface than reverse surface. This, of course, accounts for the tightness of the reverse on this piece, and on the majority of 5.4-G seen (Taylor 2359 and the Pine Tree EAC coins, for example). It appears that the planchet cutter used to create the blanks was of the cookie cutter design, described by Jim C. Spilman in *The Colonial Newsletter*. In the case of Miller 5.4-G of 1786, it appears that the coiners consistently struck the reverse on the narrower face of the planchet, the obverse on the broader side. How this could have been accomplished without careful attention to the differences in size between the two sides of the planchets being fed into the press is unknown at this time. However, the apparent consistency seen on this variety suggests to the present writer some mechanical, human error free, means of cutting planchets, conveying them to the press, and inserting them between the dies so that the constant alignment of obverse die against broad planchet face would be preserved. Here is another interesting area for the technically minded researcher in the field of early American coppers.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1356 **1786 Miller 5.4-G.** 133 grains. Mailed bust left, smooth, problem-free surfaces show a deep glossy brown. Even wear, strong Fine with claims to higher grade. DR. HALL
$198.00 HESSBERG NICE D. MIFUZAS CLIP OR DENT BELOW "P" IN DATE
Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER MAR 28, 1990

1157 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.4-G. Mailed Bust Left. 149.1 grains. F-15. Rarity-2. A second example of this variety. Heavy obverse and reverse verdigris, covering the fields and portions of the obverse legend. Tiny rim nick above T on the obverse. States equivalent to Taylor:2359. GREEN VERDIGRIS
$60.50
Ex Ryder Collection. Ryder envelope accompanies this lot. Called "Poor" by Ryder.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1357 **1786 Miller 5.4-G.** 161 grains. Mailed bust left, a second example. General outlines are very bold, arguing a weak strike as well as moderate wear. Dark glossy brown. Fine. OK + COLOR FINE/VG
$77.00 HESSBERG WEAK DATE AREA.

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 17, 1991

5.4-G

2521 1786 M-~~4.5-G.~~ Mailed bust left. About Good; ~~1787 M.21A-1.8: Draped bust left. Fine.~~ 2 pieces.
49.50

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER, 1991

19. **1786 Miller 5.4-G.** Fine, four reverse dents. Full legends and date.....$25

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

512 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.4-G (R-2). Very Fine. Faint scratch on reverse.
25

HIM, INC. "PHILIPS COLL" FEB 11-12, 1983

1025 1786. M.5.4-G. (R-2). VF.
Nice deep brown with touches of [illegible] date on flan, light pc EMLY with a couple of toned [illegible] surfaces. $75

5.4-G

EXCEPTIONAL 1786 MILLER 5.4-G

Lot No. 23

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

NICE XF, GREAT COLOR
REV. FIELD NICK

23 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.4-G. Even reddish brown, no doubt from faded color. A splendid strike, superior to any we've seen. **Extremely Fine or better.** *(SEE COLOR PLATE)* $1,100 —

SEE STACK'S ANS BENEFIT AUCTION SALE NOV 17, 1993 LOT # 97 AT 850#

300—
675—

Lot No. 1044

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

XF OK+ OLIVE BROWN
DON PARTRICK

OECHSNER

1044 **1786 Miller 5.4-G.** Mailed bust left. 130.1 grains. **Extremely Fine,** light nicks on the neck. Full date, deep blackish brown toning, glossy surfaces.
$742.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE 'JUNE 5, 1980

1432 1786 Connecticut, M.5.4-G, (R-2). Mailed Bust left. Very Fine, some minor planchet streaks.
NICK'S

STEVE IVY '1983 ANA' FEB 24, 1983

18 1786 Connecticut VERY FINE (20) Mailed Bust Left. Miller 5.4-G. (R-2). Mottled medium brown. Tremendous centering and a very sharp date give this coin instant appeal. We would grade this piece a full VF (30) were the obverse not in possession of some flan cracks. Probably in or close to the tail end of the Condition Census for the variety. Ex Coin Galleries 6/5/80: 1432.
$176—

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987
LOT # 2343 5.4-G. 129.7 grains. Rarity-2. VG-8 for sharpness, but with several severe fissures;
TAYLOR
1 OF 5 PIECES

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988
LOT # 2481 1 OF 5 PIECES M 5.4-G. F-15, Rarity-2. 158.2 grains. 28.2mm. 180°. Sharpness equivalent to Taylor: 2359, but this specimen burnished in the fields. The inventory book recording this specimen notes: "5.7-O.2. From More Jan. 1904. This specimen does not show the group of points.";
NORWEB

HERITAGE SALE MAY 18-19, 1984
LOT # 1786 M.B.L. M. 5.4-G. (R-2). Very
182# Good-8, dark and rough.
1 OF 13 PIECES

STACK'S SALE JUNE 19, 1980
14 — 1786 Cent. M.5.4-G. Very Good;
1 OF 2 PIECES

BOWER'S 'MURRAY, SWOPE' SEPT 9-11, 1985
LOT # 1804 1786 Mailed Bust Left. Miller-5.4-G. Nice Very Fine, with a wealth of detail at the lower part of the seated figure (but not on the shield), a very nice example of the issue;
1 OF 4 PIECES

CROSBY PLATE (1875) PLATE V NO. 8
5.4-G

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973
138 — Miller 5.4-G, Rarity 2. EF. Perfectly centered on a nice broad planchet, showing full date. A sharp even strike. All details very sharp. Though not a rare variety, it is quite difficult to find such a nice clean 1786. An admirable type coin.
210—

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.4-G (R-2). Good $16.00, Very Good $26.00; Very Fine RCR # 14, APRIL, 1972 ..... 67.50

1786 Connecticut copper Miller 5.4-G (R-2) About Very Fine with a slightly porous flan. Attractive dark brown color. Not in Garrett offering. Available at BOWERS RCR # 39 JULY, 1981 475.00

TAXAY PLATE (1976)
5.4-G

LEPCZYK SALE FEB 18, 1985
7 - 1786. Connecticut. Bust left. M. 5.4-G. Abt VF by wear, some moderate corrosion and green patina over surfaces. 55—

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984
620 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-G. Mailed Bust left. Nice Fine without any defects worth mentioning. $60.50

5.4-G

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.4-G	1786	G+/G+	R2	
5.4-G	1786	F-/G+	R2	
5.4-G	1786	F-/VG	R2	Clip at 12:00
5.4-G	1786	G/G	R2	
5.4-G	1786	F+/F+	R2	
5.4-G	1786	VG/VG	R2	Lt. off center strike
5.4-G	1786	VG+/VG+		Contemporaneous counter CONN C t ft
5.4-G	1786	G+/G+		Contemporaneous counter CONN C t ft

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5.4-G 5207 (15) FINE(15)
9453 (15) FINE(15)

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA SALE' SEPT 17-19, 1984

612 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers comprising four different dates — a nice start on a collection or type set: 1785 Miller 3.5-B, Mailed Bust right, VG~~; 1786 Miller 5.4-G, Mailed Bust left, attractive Fine to Very Fine, OK and not common in this grade; ~~1787 Miller 32.2-X.2, Draped Bust OK Left, Fine to Very Fine; and 1788 Miller 11-G, Mailed Bust left, Fine to Very Fine~~. (Total: 4 pieces) OK, RIM NICK

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

26). 1786 M.5.4-G Very Fine-35 Smooth light olive brown.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 56TH SALE JUNE 27, 1962

27 1786. Cent. Mailed bust l. Rev. Four dashes after E:. M. 5⁴-G. Very Fine for coin, obverse superior to that on Miller Plate. Pleasing reddish-brown patina. An excellent and important Type coin!

2.00

NEW NETHERLAND'S 'MAIL BID SALE' DEC 15, 1959

609 Connecticut. 1786. Cent. Mailed bust left. Miller 5⁴-G. G-VG, cleaned and now retoning; everything clear.

STANDARD CATALOGUE (1947) 5.4-G

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

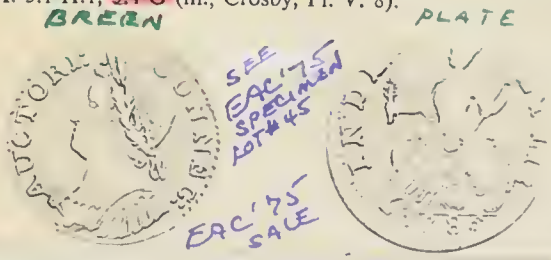
1841 1786. Rx. INDE : .:. ET LIB. Cr. 5(4) G. Fine. 1.10

2094 C. 5-G, also ~~5 (2)—I VG~~. 2 pcs. .27

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE COIN (1987)

748 1786 Same, with obv. colons. 2 vars.
M. 5.1-H.1, 5.4-G (ill.; Crosby, Pl. V. 8).

BREEN PLATE



SEE EAC '75 SPECIMEN LOT #45

EAC '75 SALE

BOWERS "F.M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1987

3018 ~~Further selection of Connecticut coppers. 1786 M.5.4-G, Rarity-2 VF-20, old obverse scratches; 1787 M.33.2-Z.5, Rarity-1, F-15, old scratches, Fraser cleaned. Early obverse state, usually seen reverse state; M.33.10-Z.8, High Rarity-5, VF-20, clipped and flawed. Recolored; M.37.3-L, Rarity-3, F-15, flawed; M.37.8-K.2, Rarity-3, F-15, flawed~~. (Total: 5 pieces) /32.00

BOWERS "BUCHENBACH-SMITH NOV 10-12, 1986

2716 ~~Quartette of Connecticut coppers: (1) 1785 M.5.E.5, VF-20, cloth, streaky, and porous planchet; (2) 1785 M.6.4-L, Fine-12, obverse/VG-8 reverse; (3) 1786 M.4.1-C, Fine-15, scratched~~; (4) 1786 M.5.4-G, Fine-12. (Total: 4 pieces) 121—

COIN GALLERIES SALE FEB 20, 1981

1976 ~~Connecticut Coppers: 1785 Bust r., Good~~; 1786 Bust l., M.5.4-G, Fine or better, strong date; ~~1787 Bust l., M.4-L, "Horned Bust," in late die state, Fine~~. 3 pieces in the Lot.

HERITAGE SALE MAY 18-19, 1984

376 ~~1785 Connecticut. Mailed Bust Right. Miller 2.A.1. (R-2). Somewhat porous. FINE (12). 1785 Connecticut. Miller 5.E.8. (R-5). Mailed Bust Right. Nice chocolate brown VF. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-G. (R-2). Mailed Bust Left. Clean and evenly worn VF. 1788 Connecticut. Miller 2.D. (R-1). Mailed Bust Right. VF~~. (Total: 4 coins)

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOCIETY SALE" MARCH 29, 1993

57 ~~Connecticut Cents. A lot of 4 varieties: 1785 Miller 4.3-D, Rarity-4; 1786 Miller 5.4-G, Rarity-2; 1787 Miller 32.4-X.5, Rarity-4; 1787 Miller 37.8-HH, Rarity-3. The ET LIB variety. An interesting lot containing 3 dates and 4 different types.~~ Average Good to Very Good. 4 pieces.

40—

5.4-G

ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION

EXTREMELY FINE. MOTTLED TAN AND DARK BROWN. CONDITION CENSUS

COIN GALLERIES MAIL BID SALE FEB 10, 1993

2078 **1786 M.5.4-G.** Mailed Bust Left. Fine. Rarity 2. 149.1 grains. Dark brown, cleaned and re-colored. Obverse rim nick over T. Die states as Taylor:2359. 93.50

Ex Hillyer Ryder Collection (Bowers & Merena, March 28, 1990, lot 1157). Ryder's envelope accompanies this lot, graded "Poor."

BOWERS 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5372 1786 Connecticut copper. M5.4-G. Mailed Bust left. 138.9 grains. Rarity-2. F-15. Very porous, reverse planchet cracks at top, running through right field. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2359. 38.50

Ex Ryder Collection. Envelope accompanies this lot. Misattributed.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE NOV 14, 1990

5373 1786 Connecticut copper. M5.4-G. Mailed Bust left. Rarity-2. F-12. A second example of this variety. Greenish olive in color. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2359. 44

Ex Hays Collection. U.S. Coin Co. envelope accompanies this lot.

The accompanying ticket notes that the reverse punctuation on this example shows well.

DR. HALL SPECIMEN

STACK'S HESSBERG JUNE 20, 1991 LOT # 1356

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

32. 1786. Miller 5.4-G, Breen 748. Rarity-2. Mailed Bust Left, coarse serrated borders, with obverse colons. 150.2 grains, 29.0mm. Very Fine or slightly better. Even chocolate brown, with full legends and date; only one small lamination at the I of AUCTORI, hardly noticeable, and probably not even worthy of mention. Quite attractive, and fully comparable to the Taylor coin at $247.50.....$159

STACK'S SALE JUNE 7-8, 1990

1681 — 1786 Mailed Bust right. (M. 5-4-G). Nicely struck and centered. Full devices including the date; ~~Another, M. 5-4-N (High R-6). Fair~~. 2 pieces. FINE, OLIVE GREEN 188

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

4. 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.4-G. Fine, smooth brown surfaces with a few light marks and a pinscratch in the obverse field. Virtually full date and legends; very nice for an '86, which are usually unattractive..... 60.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #12 NOV, 1982

4. 1786 Miller 5.4-G Mailed Bust Left, R-2, Very Good-Fine 10. Attribution in white ink in the obverse field. $55

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #41 JAN 5, 1986

11. 1786 Miller 5.4-G. Fine-12, R-2. Nice. Ex. Harmer Rooke Phoenix Sale 12/84. $90

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

5.4-G, R-2, Very Fine, slightly porous.. 165.

PAUL KAGIN LIST, APR, 1984

1786 Copper M.B.L. M5.4 G Ex Miller Fine 60.00

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-5.4-G Fine, decent surfaces 75.00
M-5.4-G (R-2) Very Fine, darkly toned, granular srufaces 110.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, SEPT. 1974

48 1786 Bust left. M. 5.4-G. Very Fine. Well centered, sharp detail, light Obv. porosity 225.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, MAY 1981

33 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.4-G. Very Fine. Light planchet defects, glossy surfaces 145.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST · 1979?

1786, MBL, M.5.4-G, (R-2), Very Fine, well-struck and centered, including full date, dark brown, fairly clean surfaces with only a tiny reverse scratch that blends with color.....90.00

5.4-G

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

209 **1786 M.5.4-G** (R-2). 133.3 grains. Mailed bust left. Even and well struck example with rich golden brown color. Full date and legends. Well centered. Very Fine.

198#

Ex Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 27, 1987, lot 2359).

From J. Hanson, privately in 1976. AT 247.50

OK/NICE VF 25

EX. TAYLOR 3/27/87 LOT# 2359

209

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

*2103 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL. Strong Very Fine,** nearly Extremely Fine. Rarity 2. 139.9 grains. Nice, mostly even olive brown. Minor surface granularity both sides. No serious flaws worthy of mention. Struck very slightly off-center on both sides, date numerals only half on flan. Near Condition Census for the variety. States as Taylor:2359.

150 150 165#

2103

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

1786 MILLER 5.4-G

High Condition Census Sharpness

XF, BUT BIT TOO DARK

120 240 264.00

Lot No. 951

SCRATCHES IN FIELD

951 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** Rarity 2. **Strong Extremely Fine** for sharpness. 142.6 gns. Olive brown. Obverse surface quite rough and granular; reverse a bit smoother. Reverse scratched in fields, heavily in left; slightly off center. Perfect die states.

Purchased by Hillyer Ryder, privately, from Henry Chapman; thence to F.C.C. Boyd. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

The square paper tickets accompanying many of the Ryder-Boyd Connecticuts were made by Hillyer Ryder. His handwriting is distinctive and recognizable. Ryder graded this coin "Fine."

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

41 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** R-2. A third. Very Fine, both surfaces granular, obverse rough at base. 137.0 gns. Obverse slightly off center to the right, tops of letters there partially off flan; reverse, similarly, off flan to the right. Die states as the preceding's. DECENT COLOR

275 275 302#

SEE COLOR PHOTO

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.4-G
UNCIRCULATED
EX COLONEL GREEN COLLECTION

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL" JULY 22, 1992

1786 Miller 5.4-G

~~Technical Condition Census~~

JUST VF STRAIGHT CLIP

2616 **1786 M 5.4-G. MBL.** R-2. 135.5 gns. Strong Very Fine. Nice, rich brown. Surfaces mostly hard, just light granularity in places. Heavy planchet cutter clip obverse 5 o'clock to 6 o'clock. Struck off center on both sides, showing the heavy rim and serrations of the die edge on the right. These features not usually seen as 5.4-G is typically well centered and explain why this specimen was included in the Picker Reference Collection. ~~Technically Condition Census~~ for the variety, finer than several others seen, sharper than the Taylor and Norweb specimens.

176.00

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2104 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** Another. **Very Fine,** reverse strong. Rarity 2. 148.2 grains. Nice golden brown with reddish cuprous oxide coloring on reverse. Surfaces appear smooth and hard; two linear flaws in left obverse field. Full legends and date. Perfect die states.

160 170 187

SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT# 119 AT $198-

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2105 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** A third. About Very Fine. Rarity 2. 146.3 grains. Nice, even dark ruddy brown. Surfaces appear hard. Struck slightly off-center to the left on both sides, tops of legends there off flan. Full date. Perfect die states.

30 120 132

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2106 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** A fourth. Strong Fine. Rarity 2. 150.6 grains. Dark steel brown. Obverse surface micro, reverse macro-granular. Full legends and date. Perfectly centered. States as Taylor:2359.

50 50 55

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 14, 1993 LOT# 1974 @ 88#

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

*952 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** Another. Rarity 2. ~~Choice~~ Very Fine. 157.9 gns. Even olive-brown. Surfaces only microscopically granular. NEC, ET soft, all other design details mostly clear for grade. Obverse slightly off center to the bottom. Full date. Not quite as sharp as Perkins 1:2103 but with arguably nicer "eye appeal."

200 200 220

NOT CHOICE STRONG VF TOO DARK

952

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

119 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** R-2. Very Fine, reverse strong. 148.2 gns. Golden olive brown, traces of reddish corrosion products on reverse. Two linear obverse flaws, otherwise surfaces appear smooth and hard. Fully centered. Perfect states.

75 150 198

From our March 18, 1993 sale, lot 2104. AT $187#

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

40 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** R-2. Another. About Extremely Fine, once cleaned, traces of coppery red show through overlying light olive-brown. 150.3 gns. Surfaces lightly striated; heavy obverse rim gouge above CO. Die states as Taylor:2359 ABT XF LIGHT STRAIE OBV.

600 600 660

5.4-G

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#6 SPRING 1992

22 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.4-G Rarity-2 165.7 grains Very Fine, well struck, with full legends and a bold date, as well as all the design details Pleasing warm medium brown planchet, with just one small obverse lamination, well hidden in the effigy's hair details Although not a particularly rare variety, the present coin is a very attractive example, and would fit perfectly into a medium grade type set ... $199

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

120 **1786 M.5.4-G.** Another. Strong Fine. 142.5 gns. Black and brown, well centered, some micro-granularity.

50 75 82

From Bowers and Merena's March 1990 sale, lot 1156; earlier, ex Henry Chapman stack to Hillyer Ryder at F.C.C. Boyd. Chapman's envelope accompanies this lot.

STACK'S 'ANS BENEFIT AUCTION NOV 17, 1993

375- 850-

Lot No. 97

DON PARTRICK

OECHSNER

OK + XF OLIVE BROWN

97 **1786 Miller 5.4-G. MBL.** Rarity 2. From our sale of the Herbert M. Oechsner Collection, September 9, 1988, lot 1044, where it was described further as **"Extremely Fine,** light nicks on the neck. Full date, deep blackish brown toning, glossy surfaces."

850-

Anonymous gift.

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1786 M.5.4-G (F15) CHOICE EXTREMELY FINE.

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

39 **1786 M.5.4-G. MBL.** R-2. Very Fine. 158.0 gns. Nice, even deep olive-brown with some steel gray highlights. Both surfaces uniformly micro-granular, lending the piece a "matte" appearance. Well struck, save for the base of obverse and top of reverse. No signs of serious accidental surface damage. No important rim nicks or dents. Altogether, a clean and handsome example of this variety. Die states as Taylor:2359.

180 190 209

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

1700

196. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.4-G MBL (R-2) VF20 135.4 gns. Medium olive brown basically smooth and fairly glossy. Each side has a few stray contact marks, none major, and there are a few micro flaws (natural pits) to the left of Liberty's head and a couple of others scattered inconspicuously. Each side struck slightly to the left with the top of DE on the reverse now off the planchet and a lip of unused planchet curves along the right of each side. More prominent is a straight clip located from 4:00 to 6:00 as viewed from the obverse.

5.4-G

1786 5.4-G Wht. 146.1 Gr. Abt. Unc 55/Unc 60.
A. Terranova Coll. Via E. P. Newman March,1994.
W. Raymond Standard Catalouge Plate Coin (1947)

1786 M.5.4-G Very Fine. Light doubling. Wht.128.8 Grains.
Note-Extra dot between Bust & "Auctori" and 3 dots after "C" in "Connec".
George Seifrit collection Dec,1997.

McCauley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997
150. 43rd 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5-4-G MBL (R-2) F12 148.0 gns.
Some detail of a higher grade, especially at the left legends which are strong. Dark olive brown with fine and absolutely even granularity which gives this coin a deceptively smooth look. A tiny clip, that can be viewed from the obverse only, at 3:00, and no damage of any sort. Attractive for this grade. This is a "yellow inked" coin, with the attribution written in the obverse left field in now faded white ink.

5.4-G

5.4-G; fleur de coin; full red; as it dropped from the dies

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.4-G
UNCIRCULATED
EX COLONEL GREEN COLLECTION

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

5.4-N

46 **1786. M. 5.4-N.** R-7. **Many details of Fine or better sharpness,** others weaker, mostly from the beginning of die failure on reverse. Several small laminations and other planchet defects, none serious; one small rim nick. Equal to coins of other varieties which have readily sold as VF. Finer than the ANS or Dr. Hall coins; **one of about seven reported to date,** and one of the best of these. Far finer than the "VF" in the Bowers' 1972 list at a low $295. **(Photo) ($300.–450.)**

$240

EAC'75

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BREEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA (1796) P.67

749 1786 Coarse serrated obv. border, fine rev. dentils. 2 vars. M. 5.4-N, 5.4-O.1. Price for latter; former (rev. of 756) is very rare.

1786 M 5.4-N

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

$247.50 VG OVERALL

TAYLOR

2360 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.4-N. Mailed Bust Left.** 138.9 grains. 170 degrees. **High Rarity-6.** VG-8. Dark brown surfaces, minutely porous. Vertical planchet fissures extending from the top of the obverse through the effigy's face, filled with the residue from an old cleaning. Reverse die bulging behind Liberty, with consequent loss of detail on her left arm. However, full longitudinal and lattitudinal lines visible in the globe upon which she sits. Our grading is somewhat conservative.

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.4-N (R-6). Absent from our *Review* No. 12 listing. Very Fine. An outstanding opportunity to acquire a Rarity 6 item in beautiful condition RCR #14 APRIL, 1972 295.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.4-N 1786 F-/F- R7 Digs on reverse: slight red

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

27) 1786 M.5.4-N Good/Very Good. Dark brown, slightly rough surfaces.

BOWER'S "SPRINGFIELD COLL' DEC 15-16, 1981

5007 ~~Group of Connecticuts: (1) 1785 MBR M.3.1.C (R-4). Sharpness at VG Fine, but a few deep planchet defects;~~ (2) 1786 MBL. M.5.4-N (R-6). Fine, but dark and porous; ~~(3) 1786 MBL. M.5.5-M (R-3). Good. (4) 1787 MBL M.11.1-E. VG. (5) 1787 DBL. M.33.15-r.1. Fine, deaned. (6) 1787 DBL. M.33.16-T.2. Fine VF, granular, but very attractive.~~ (Total: 6 pieces)

95

STACK'S SALE JUNE 27, 28, 1975

31 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4 N **Rarity 6.** Some weakness in striking. An acceptable specimen of this very rare variety. Light brown, reverse planchet defect Good.

5.4-N

STACK'S SALE JUNE 7-8, 1990

1681 — 1786 ~~Mailed Bust right. (M. 5.4-G.) Nicely struck and centered. Full devices including the date;~~ Another, M. 5-4-N (High R-6). Fair. 2 pieces.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

FINEST KNOWN
FINEST
DR. HALL
HESSBERG
D. PARTRICK

400-
2400-
$2,640.00

Lot No. 1358

NICE XF EXCEPT FOR WEAKNESS ON OBV.

1358 **1786** Miller 5.4-N (High R-6). 142 grains. Draped bust left, large-letter AUCTORI near rim, complex cross made up of four dashes flanked by dots appears after INDE:. Full, bold date under single exergue line. Somewhat uneven strike, deep chocolate brown. Strong Very Fine. XF

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

SYD MARTIN COLLECTION

THE VERY RARE MILLER 5.4-N

96 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.4-N. High Rarity-6. 121.7 grains. Fine, but somewhat erratically struck with some details stronger than the grade assigned and others weaker. The obverse legends are weak at AU and CON, though those legends are still mostly visible; the reverse has full legends and is only weak at the first two numbers of the date. The design detail is generally nice for the grade. From a later die state than any we've seen, with some minor breaks and bulging noticeable on the obverse. Light brown surfaces that are lightly rough. The obverse has a few light striations and an ancient scratch before the effigy's face, the latter nearly completely toned down. The reverse has a dent below Ms. Liberty's arm holding the pole which is a pinkish coppery color. This is one of those varieties where condition is almost meaningless because it is so rare. We've only been able to trace three auction records for the variety in the last two decades! The EAC '75 coin was nearly VF [and also had some obverse scratches], while the Taylor coin was a high end Fine [though graded in the sale as VG with the note "our grading is somewhat conservative"] and the Dr. Hall-Hessberg coin was a weak VF that brought $2640. The specimen in the ANS collection is a rough G/VG and the Colonial Newsletter Reference Collection coin is a VG/F. Needless to say, this is a variety on a lot of want lists and one that is hardly ever seen in any grade. If you pass on this one it might be years before another is offered!.....$349

Called R-7 in the EAC '75 sale, the rarity was dropped to a High 6 in the Taylor catalogue. This may be one of the varieties that actually goes up a bit and may end up as a Low R-7.

5.4-N

HERITAGE AUCTION #1147 12/1/2010

3045 1786 Connecticut Copper, Mailed Bust Left VF20 ANACS. M. 5.4-N, W-2585, High R.6. The medium size triangular dentils are emblematic of the Miller 5.4 obverse, while the unique punctuation in the reverse legend indicates the N reverse. This example is an evenly worn, problem-free specimen, with chocolate-brown surfaces. Listed on page 59 of the 2011 *Guide Book*. MRB Fine 12. *Purchased from Ted Craige (4/26/1969).* *From The W. Philip Keller Collection of U.S. Colonials.* (#331)

SOLD $10,350-

1786 5.4-N Good/Very Good. Few scratches and striations obverse and reverse.
Syd Martin Collection 09/01/2006

EX. ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING 1995 LOT #96.

5.4-N

1786 5.4-N Very Good/Fine Details. Dark and Rough.
Neil Rothschild Collection via Robert Martin

5.4-0.1

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

FINEST KNOWN EAC'75 SALE

47 **1786. M. 5.4–0.1.** R–2. Tiny rust pits between TL and drapery; obv. heavily clashed from date and base line of this reverse. **Better than Very Fine, some details nearer to EF;** light and darker brown with other mottlings, surfaces better than VF; faint touches of lustre around some letters. **Finest we have seen; nothing near it has come up at auction,** that in the Merkin sale not being close, those in the Bowers list being Good and VG. Pictured in Taxay, Scott's Comprehensive Catalogue, plate 14, no. 151. Ex. T. L. Craige coll., earlier from Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** $475 **($110.–200.)**

$475

TAXAY PLATE (1976) 5.4-0.1

C166

EAC'75

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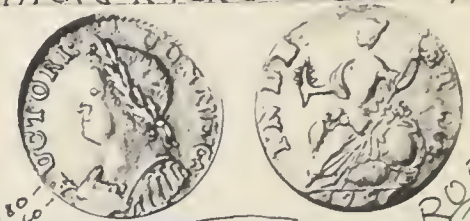
MIS-ATTRIBUTED 5.4-0.1 STACK'S ROPER SALE DEC 7, 1983

233 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.4-G, 138.8 grains. The E of INDE is filled, and there is a slight die bulge at the mail. The coin is well struck and centered with a full sharp date and other details. The color is a light and dark brown, the surfaces are nice, and there are no serious detracting marks. It is always difficult to find a nice example of this date, but this is a beauty. **Choice Very Fine or better.** $396 — TO J. GOUDGE

STACK'S ROPER SALE DEC 7-8, 1983



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Lot No. 233

ROPER

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

1786 M 5.4-O.1

High Condition Census

OK + BID XF 40 DARK GLOSSY OLIVE BROWN ODD LUSTRE AROUND LETTERS

$715 — XF 40 OVERALL

TAYLOR

2361 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left.** 145.6 grains. Rarity-2. EF-45 to AU-50. Little actual wear, with traces of mint lustre around the letters of the obverse legend, other places on the obverse, and in the center of the reverse. Nicer than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen, which did not have as much detail at the base of the effigy's bust or around the right portion of the reverse; a very close match to the Stack's/Picker example, there graded "Uncirculated." No planchet clips or serious planchet flaws on this specimen. Full obverse and reverse legends, the first E on the reverse always being defective. Certainly, the second finest known to us, and a very close runner-up to the Picker specimen.
Noted by Mr. Taylor as ex Davis, 1954, $25.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

400-
1000-
$1,100 —

Lot No. 1359

HESSBERG SMOOTH OLIVE GREEN TOO DARK BID VF

1359 **1786** Miller 5.4-O.1. 141 grains. Mailed bust left, obverse shows wonderfully bold rim. Fully round without laminations or marks on its unusually smooth surfaces. A dark glossy walnut brown adds to this coin's exceptional appeal. ~~Choice~~ Extremely Fine, ~~virtually About Uncirculated~~. TOO DARK

SEE STACK'S SALE JAN 14 1992 LOT # 210 $550

SEE STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994 LOT # 24
BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988

2484 1786 Connecticut. M 5.4-O.1. VF-20. Rarity-2. 144.5 grains. 28.3mm. 180°. Deep golden brown. Smooth obverse, some reverse pitting. Incusations from the exergual line and date visible above the effigy's head on the obverse. A nice, sharp specimen, and a later obverse state than the Taylor coin.
Purchased between 1-13-1915. TINY PITTING NORWEB

$165 OK COLOR

PINE TREE "BREEN'IPS SEPT 6, 1985

64 **1786 Mailed bust left,** coarse obv. border, fine rev. border. M. 5.4-0.1. Clash marks above head from date and exergue line; tiny rust pits between TL and drapery. Many details VF, others Fine; surfaces overall excellent despite heavy planchet defects as made.

30-35

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

30 1786 Mailed Bust Left #5.4–O.1 (R–2) FINE–12, dark but pleasing fields. $30 —

Lot No. 24

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

513 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.4-O.1 (R-2). Very Fine or a bit better. Dark planchet. Some old scratches. 25—

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

24 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.4-O.1. Prominently identified in white ink on the obverse. Steel brown and very nice. **Very Fine.** $120 — TOO DARK, NOT NICE WORTH FINE

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1987

3019 1786 Connecticut. M 5.4-O.1. Rarity-2. VF-20, dark. Microscopic porosity overall, but nevertheless dark brown and pleasing. Very typical condition for the variety; usually filled E in INDE on the reverse. 38.50

A-MARK LIST #1 DEC, 1972

17 6 M5-1 0.1 R2 Very Fine Extremely Fine $65.00

5.4-0.1 SPINK & SON "CARNEGIE MUSEUM" MARCH 24, 1983

$357.50 40 Connecticut 1786 Copper. I H B INDI (Miller 5.4-0.1). Rarity 2. CHOICE Very fine.

STACK'S 'R. PICKRE SALE" OCT 24, 1984

SUPERB 1786 MAILED BUST LEFT

PICKER

Lot No. 153

153 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** M.5.4-O.1. 152.8 grains. One of the more commonly seen varieties of 1786, but in superb condition. Perfectly centered, with full sharp date and legends. Excellent striking characteristics on both sides, unusual for a 1786 Connecticut. The coin has received no wear, and the surfaces retain full original mint gloss, with ample traces of mint red peeking through on the obverse. There are two small rim clips, at eleven and one o'clock and a few thin streaky planchet laminations on both sides, the rule, not the exception on such pieces. Quite possibly from the Stepney hoard, found in Connecticut in the 1950's. At any rate, another outstanding state copper for the advanced collector. Uncirculated. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)* $1,100 — TO FIRE BOOK

STACK'S D. FLEISCHER COLL" SEPT 8, 1979

Lot No. 528

$180

528 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.5.4-0.1 (R-2). A common variety, but a superb type coin. Well struck and centered on a choice light brown planchet. Two light rim dents at the date. Otherwise, just light even wear. **Extremely Fine.** $180 —

STEVE IVY '1983 ANA' FEB 24, 1983

19 1786 Connecticut EXTREMELY FINE (40) Mailed Bust Left. Miller 5.4-0.1. (R-2). Nicely centered and sharply struck on a light olive-brown planchet. Evenly worn and with the exception of two minor dents at the date, quite clean. Ex Stack's Donald Fleischer Sale: 528.

$165

HANDLING MARKS IN FIELD

STACK'S 'OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

OK XF GOOD COLOR

OECHSNER

300— 1800—

Lot No. 1045 TINY NICK DON PARTRICK

1045 **1786 Miller 5.4-O.1.** Mailed bust left. 141.1 grains. **Extremely Fine,** light planchet defects in the lower bust and before Liberty's face. Generally well struck. Light to medium brown and olive toning, glossy surfaces. Die clashing at the upper obverse.

$1,980—

Lot No. 1223

132 COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1223 **1786 M.5.4-O.1.** Mailed bust left. Fine. Full legends and virtually full date. A planchet defect above Liberty's head on the reverse.

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 7, 1985

1420 1786 Miller 5.4-O.1 (R-2). 145.7 grains. Deep brown fields, lighter devices, old acquisition and attribution number at left. Very Good.

38.50

1177 **1786 Connecticut.** Miller 5.4-O.1 (R-2). 145.7 grains. Deep brown fields, lighter devices, old acquisition and attribution number at left. Very Good. APR 9, 1986

$27.50

5.4-O.1

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 10, 1985

1110 **1786 Connecticut.** Mailed Bust Left. M.5.4-0.1. Choice Very Fine. Well centered with sharp date, legends, and features. Smooth medium brown with lighter highlights. An excellent type piece, seldom seen so well-balanced.

L. MERKIN SALE FEB 12, 1972

11 — 1786 Mailed bust left. M.5[4]–O[1]. Almost VF, unusually bold obverse, reverse less sharp as always but with punctuation clear. Fewer planchet defects than usual; excellent surfaces. Exceptional quality for this type, which usually comes flat as in the red book illustration.

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

621 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust left. Very Fine. A few tiny planchet fissures. Light surface porosity does not impair the attractiveness of this issue. Sharp for the variety. 44 —

BOWER'S "L. HEWITT SALE NOV 14, 1984

2739 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-O.1. Mailed bust left. Fine to Very Fine. Green patination as seen on ancient Roman bronze coins. With the attribution number in ink in the field (as occurs on several of the various pieces offered here; easily removable with acetone if desired—this was a common practice in cabinets around the turn of the present century). 33 —

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.4-O.1 (R-2). Good $16.00; Very Good $23.00; Fine ..... 37.50 RCR #14 APRIL, 1972

BOWER'S 'RUSSELL-PATERSON' MAR 25, 1985

2117 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers.~~ 1786 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 5.4-O.1. Fine or better. Some planchet streaks, not unusual for the variety; ~~1787 Horned Bust variety, Miller 4-L. Very Fine to Extremely Fine, but with ancient planchet porosity and with some red verdigris adhering; 1787 ETLR misspelling, Miller 31.1-g.1. Very Good or so, some edge roughness; 1787 ETUB misspelling, as a type scarcer than the preceding, Miller 37-8-LL. Good to Very Good, smooth and pleasing planchet.~~ (Total: 4 pieces) 110'

PINE TREE SALE JUNE 19, 1978

210 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** "Company for Coining Coppers." ~~M.4-1-G (R-2). Good, with charcoal and dark brown patina, very late die state.~~ M.5.4-0.1, (R-2) Fine, peeling-type lamination defect of central obv. ~~M.5.5-M. (R-3) some details VG, most others G.~~ ~~M.5.10-L. (R-5) Very Good, rev. weak due to die failure~~, 4 Pcs. 70 —

ALSO → PINE TREE SALE JAN 8, 1977

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

28) 1786 M.5.4-0.1 Extremely Fine. Small gouge in reverse field below "T" in ET. Smooth dark olive brown. White ink attribution in field. (No Provenance)

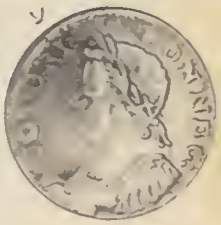
29) 1786 M.5.4-0.1 Very Fine-30. A few planchet defects on both obverse and reverse. Otherwise smooth medium brown surfaces.

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

139 — 1786, Miller 5.4–0.1, Rarity 2. F–VF. Full date on porous planchet, with some rough obverse corrosion. Still quite an acceptable dark brown coin, and another that should be seen. 20'

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

140 — 1786, Miller 5.4–0.1, a duplicate. Frankly, it's difficult to say which should be considered the duplicate in the collection. This is a far better struck coin than above, with lovely glossy surfaces, and much less wear. But, it has a small hole between 7 and 8 of the date, which barely touches the lower loop of the 8, and nothing on the obverse, being in the field above the head. (PDV.) Deep olive. VF–EF. 50' PAINTED DIE VARIETY



L. MERKIN SALE NOV 20, 1969

55 **Connecticut Cents.** 1786. Mailed bust l. Miller 5(4)–O1. Coarse serrations; small break in wreath points to 2nd N. Fine, weak strike, defective flan, everything sharp, date partly off flan as usual.

220

BOWER'S 'LANDMARK COLL" MARCH 30, 1989

DARK VERDIGRIS BLACK

$99 —

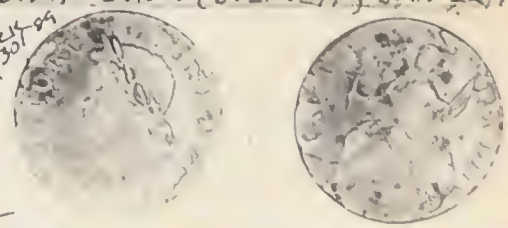
(5101) **1786 Connecticut copper.** M 5.4-O.1. Bust Left as on all to follow. VF-20. 140.6 grains. Deep gray-brown and black. Traces of old verdigris visible. First E on the reverse is always soft in this combination. Some planchet granularity visible. Die states as Taylor:2361.

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

(220.) As above. Miller 5.4-0.1 (R-2). Choice Very Fine or better. Struck on an exceptional planchet; well-centered and toned to a handsome chestnut hue. Common in low grades but very rare in Very Fine; this is the finest piece we have ever handled..... $450

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

SEE BOWERS LANDMARK SALE 3/30/89 #5101



$104 —

(407) **1786 CONNECTICUT,** M 5.4-O.1, Mailed Bust Left, R-2, Very Fine. Dark brown with some small patches of verdigris. The planchet is above average with but a few minor striations.... .....(150-200)

STACK'S SALE OCT 20-22, 1987

36 1786 Miller 5.4-O.1, Mailed Bust left. Very Fine ~~Very Fine, small edge nick, but very nice~~. 2 pieces 220 —

5.4-0.1

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.4-0.1	1786	VF-/V	R2	Striations both sides; slight
5.4-0.1	1786	EF-/E	R2	Clip at 8:00
5.4-0.1	1786	F-/F-	R2	Slight red coating both sides
5.4-0.1	1786	EF/EF	R2	Striations. slight mint red
5.4 0.1	1786	F/F	R2	Rim pinch.
5.4-0.1	1786	F/F.	R2	Double struck.
5.4-0.1	1786	"Dog"	R2	

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

5.4-0.1 6336 (2) POOR (2)
9456 (7) VERY GOOD (7)
9457 (8) VERY GOOD (8)
9461 (20) VERY FINE (20)

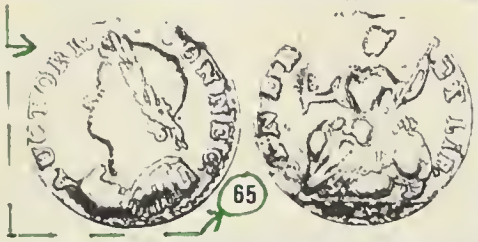
BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1077 ROCK LIST $475 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.4-O-1. Rarity-2. VF-35. Dark gray-brown. Numerous obverse verdigris spots. Several edge and rim dents and nicks. States overall equivalent to Taylor:2361. Possible Condition Census for this variety. $275 — RIM NICKS

1078 ROCK LIST $55 GRAINY 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.4-O-1. Rarity-2. VF-20. 131.3 grains. A second example of this variety. Dark green and brown. Struck slightly off center on both sides, most noticeable on the obverse. There are one or two old obverse scratches visible in the left field. Obverse state later than Taylor:2361, with clear incuse clash marks from the reverse exergual line visible above the effigy's head; reverse state later, also, being very soft around the peripheries.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

65 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 2. 139.8 grains. Extremely Fine. Struck on a medium brown planchet, with a few light green spots on the obverse. Generally well struck, although the clashmarks that are almost always seen on this variety have caused some local weaknesses. A couple of light rim nicks are hardly noticable. Probably of Condition Census quality for the variety; not as nice as the Uncirculated Picker piece at $1210, or the About Uncirculated Taylor coin at $715, although quite comparable to the Oechsner specimen at a whopping $1980! An attractive example.....$495



ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

66 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 2. 131.3 grains. Fine, some details deserving of a higher grade. There are a few ancient scratches in the obverse field. Obverse die slightly misaligned, causing the tops of NEC to be off the planchet.....$89

COL. NEWS JULY, 1982 P. 784

5.4-0.1 of 1786

PINCHED EDGE EXAMPLE

BARNSLEY SPECIMEN

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

181 ~~1785~~ $60 ~~M #3.4 Fol (R-3)~~; 1786 M #5.4–O.1 (R–2); ~~1787 M #32.2 X.2 (R-2)~~; ~~1788 M #11 G (R-3).~~ Average grade is VERY GOOD–6, with the usual imperfections. ~~A nice year set of Connecticut Coppers.~~ (Lot of 4 pieces).

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987
LOT #2343

M 5.4-O.1. 135.2 grains. Rarity-2. VG-8, quite porous;
1 OF 5 PIECES TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988
LOT #2481 1 OF 5 PIECES M 5.4-O.1. F-12. Rarity-2. 140.4 grains. 28.2mm. 180°. Obverse slightly off center. Reverse edge flaw which appears like a bump. Obverse flawed at 11:00. (Total: 5 pieces) NORWEB
The first from Richard Picker; the rest purchased between 1913-1915.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2485 An important assortment. 1786 Connecticut. M 5.4-O.1. F-12. Rarity-2. 147.7 grains. 28.2mm. 180°. Dark, deep reverse flaws. The inventory book entry recording this piece reads: "5.4-O.1. There is a question as to the classification of this reverse. I have never seen a specimen showing the period between ET and LIB. Of the obverse there is no question. See Crosby Plate V, 8 for obverse."; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

SAN DIEGO SHOW (D. LINETT) JAN 22, 1988

408 1786 CONNECTICUT, M 5.4-O.1, Mailed Bust Left, R-2, Fine. 96 Lighter in color and although lower in actual grade, probably more pleasing. A few obverse striations.....(110-140)

STACKLE STEINBERG SALE OCT 17, 1989

83 1786 Miller 5.4-O.1. Minor planchet defects, and a small edge nick. Deep jade patination, the devices 110 a bit lighter. Tops of DE off the flan, otherwise date and legends are complete. Very Fine. DARK OLIVE GREEN

5.4-O.1

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FALL & SPRING, 1991 LOT # 2 (PLATE)

ROSA AMERICANA LIST # 3, 1990

33. **1786. Miller 5.4-O.1, Breen 749. Rarity-2. Mailed Bust Left, obverse border coarse, reverse border fine. 131.4 grains, 28.5mm. Fine/Very Fine, almost exactly between the two grades. Full legends and date, though some letters are slightly weak. A few light, very old scratches are found on the reverse, but, these blend in well with the chocolate brown toning, and are not even visible at first glance.....$99**

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990.

1158 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. 143.8 grains. Rarity-2. Sharpness of VF-20. Heavy obverse and reverse planchet flaws, that on the obverse obscuring the right side of the second O and all of the neighboring N, extending into the effigy's head, reaching to its wreath; that on the reverse obscuring B and final punctuation, extending into the center of the shield. Obverse struck slightly off center, tops of NEC off flan; reverse similarly off center, in the same direction (i.e., dies aligned coin turn). Surfaces microscopically porous. Old adhesive on the obverse. The first E on the reverse is always found defective on this die. *Ex Hays Collection, U.S. Coin Co. stock. Tickets accompany this lot.*

$44

MILLER PLATE

5.4-O.1

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1842 1786. Very similar. C. 5-(4), 0(1) VG. 2 pcs. .40

2091 1786. C. 5 (4)--O. VG. 2 pcs. .21

2092 1786. Same. Fine. .85

2093 1786. Another, fine. Rare. .80

BREEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA P. 67 (1988)

749 1786 Coarse serrated obv. border, fine rev. dentils. 2 vars. M. 5.4-N, 5.4-O.1. Price for latter; former (rev. of 756) is very rare.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #75 WINTER 1989

1786 Connecticut copper. Miller-5.4-O.1. Bust left. F-12. [#19567] 139.00

BOWERS "FRONTENAC SALE" NOV 20, 1991

330 1786 Connecticut copper. M. 5.4-O.1. VF-25. Rarity-2. 142.8 grains. Dark golden brown on both sides. Obverse scratched; deep reverse dig before Liberty's face. Obverse struck slightly off center, toward the lower right. States equivalent to Taylor:2361, obverse die clearly clashed cove head

$82.50

TOO DARK

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1222 1786. ~~M.4.1-G. Mailed bust left. Very Good, some light porosity~~; M.5.4-O.1. Good, weak strike. Glossy deep brown; ~~M.5.5-M (2). About Good. One with a planchet clip at the right obverse; M.5.9-Q (R-5). About Good; M.5.11-R (R-5). Good, some light planchet defects~~. 6 pieces.

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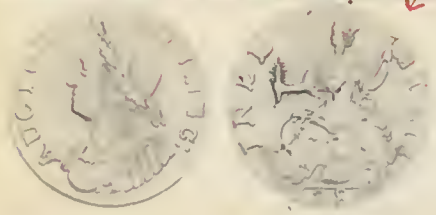
DAVID SONDERMAN LIST AUG, 1981

30 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M-5.4-0.1. Another Guide Book Plate Coin. cf. p. 38, for the Mailed Bust Facing Left type. (Note: the coin plated as 1786 Draped Bust is in error) Choice Extremely Fine. Another Superb type piece with excellent surfaces. Rare in this condition 950.00

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.4-O.1
VERY FINE

RED BOOK PLATE (1982)



COIN GALLERIES SALE, JULY 18, 1990

2850 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-O.1. Minor planchet defects, and a small edge nick. Deep jade patination, the devices a bit lighter. Tops of DE off the flan, otherwise date and legends are complete. Very Fine. DARK OLIVE GREEN

104.50

DAVID SONDERMAN AUG, 1981 LIST

36 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.4-0.1. Choice Very Fine or better. Very well struck and centered. Smooth medium brown surfaces with lighter highlights. This date is the most difficult Connecticut to locate in top shape 425.00-

NORMAN PETERS LIST, OCT, 1980
5.4-o.1, R2 GOOD $9.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, MARCH, 1984

32 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.5.4-0.1. Choice Very Fine or better. Especially sharp obverse detail. Clean dark brown surfaces with lighter highlights, with full sharp date, which is often at least partially missing on a 1786. Excellent. for a type piece 275.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1978

1786 Bust Left, M.5.4-0.1, (R-2), strong Very Fine, obverse perfectly centered, reverse almost so, most of date on plan, excellent brown color and surfaces, two small reverse edge dents, overall an excellent type piece.....125.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979?

1786 Mailed Bust Left, M. 5.4-0.1, (R-2), F-VF, well-struck and centered, dark brown, decent surfaces, and no defects.....~~50.00~~

5.4-0.1

1786 5.4-0.1

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

180-
180-

Lot No. 93

VF
BIT TOO DARK

93 1786 Miller 5.4-O.1. 133.8 grains. Mailed bust left. **Strictly Very Fine,** and a splendid example. Absolutely free from any defect or damage. Lovely olive-brown.

198.00

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Figure 2: The Mailed Bust Left of 1785 and 1786 from C.C.C. Those of 1785 are rare. These dies closely resemble the 1786 Vermont Ryder-Richardson 10, 11, and 15 (Douglas, "James Jarvis", 581; see Plate XII, figure 3). Illustrated is 1786 Miller 5.4-0.1, 142.0 grains.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#5 SUMMER, 1991

20. 1786 Miller 5.4-O.1. Very Fine, full legends and date. Nice chocolate brown color, the surfaces free of all but the most minor marks. A very attractive type coin, with sharp detail.....$99

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990

7.1786 M.5.4-0.1, 126.1 grains. Very Good, porous, straight rim clip at 11:00. Most details are clear. 25.00

BOWERS 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5374 1786 Connecticut copper. M5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust left. 150.7 grains. Rarity-2. F-12. Softly struck from a late and worn state of both dies. Rim nick at 9:00 on obverse. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2361.
Ex Ryder, possibly Hays collections. Ticket and envelope accompany this lot.

38.50

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5660 Pair of 1786 M 5.4-O.1. Rarity-2: ☆ F-15, edge crimp 1:00 obverse. 131.5 grains. Obverse state later than Taylor:2361, clear clash over head; reverse state equivalent to the Taylor coin. ☆ VF-20/30, old obverse scratches, reverse flawed. 143.1 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2361. (Total: 2 pieces)

165.00

DECENT 2 PIECES

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1983

1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.4-0.1. Fine, dark brown, a decent example.45.00

MIKE RINGO LIST DEC, 1984

8. 1786 MBL, M.5.4-0.1. Very Good to Fine..... 25.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985

4. 1786 M.5.4-0.1. Very Good to Fine, obverse slightly off center..... 35.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APR, 1984

9. 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.4-0.1. Very Good. WHT. 147.3 GR. 22.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, APRIL, 1984

10. 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.4-0.1. Fine to Very Fine, smooth brown flan with minor defects. Well-centered with full legends and virtually full date; nicer than average for an '86. WHT. 132.2 ..... 75.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1985

2. 1786 M.5.4-0.1. Fine or better, dark greenish patination. Attribution number in ink in left obverse field..... 50.00

DICK AUGUST LIST, 1984

42.1786 Mailed bust Left, VF-XF, 5.40.1, R2, nice light brown, and well struck, date partially struck off planchet $190

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

540 1786. Mailed Bust Left. Company for Coining Coppers. ~~M.4.1-G (R-2): Good, with charcoal and dark brown patina; very late die state~~ M.5.4-O.1 (R-2): Fine, peeling type lamination defect of central obv.; no other noticeable defects. ~~M.5.5-M (R-3): same details; VG; most others G; M.5.10-L (R-3): Very Good, rev. weak due to die failure; usual bent planchet flaws; (for comparison, we respectively list 37, 47, 48, and 56 of our F-VG sale)~~ 4 pcs. ($300-360)

80-

5.4-0.1

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

210 **1786 M.5.4-O.1** (R-2). 141 grains. Obverse shows wonderfully bold rim. Fully round without laminations or marks on its' unusually smooth surfaces. A dark, glossy walnut brown adds to this coin's exceptional appeal. ~~Choice~~ Extremely Fine, ~~virtually About Uncirculated~~.

550.00 SMOOTH OLIVE GREEN TOO DARK

Ex Hessberg Sale (Stack's, June 19, 1991, lot 1359). AT 1,100

EX. HESSBERG 6/19/91 LOT# 1359 @ 1,100.00

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COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 22, 1992

Lot No. 3122

742.50 EX. HESSBERG VERY DARK OLIVE

3122 **1786** M.5.4-O.1 (R-2). 141 grains. Obverse shows wonderfully hold rim. Fully round, without laminations or marks on its' unusually smooth surfaces. A dark, glossy walnut brown adds to this coin's exceptional appeal. ~~Choice~~ Extremely Fine, ~~virtually About Uncirculated~~.

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST FALL 1992

1786 MILLER 5.4-O.1

Condition Census

(*264) **1786 M.5.4-O.1** (R-2). MBL. 157.3 gns. **Extremely Fine.** Nice and attractive, even olive brown. Surfaces smooth and hard, somewhat glossy. Obverse rim dent above second C, otherwise problem free. **Condition Census** for the variety and nearly as sharp as both Taylor:2361 and Hessberg:1359. Die states as the Taylor coin's. *$700.00*

(264)

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2617 **1786 M 5.4-O.1.** MBL. R-2. 148.5 gns. Very Fine. Light olive and golden brown. Struck slightly off center but without affecting anything save the tops of the letters on the right of both sides. Miller attribution number in white in left obverse field, painted over another illegible cypher (Hall's?). Obverse incusations above head from a single clashing; reverse appears perfect. A solidly collectable example of this variety, typically found in Very Fine condition. VF BLOTCHY OLIVE BROWN

132.00

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2107 **1786 M.5.4-O.1. MBL.** About Very Fine. Rarity 2. 122.7 grains. Even olive brown. Surfaces appear hard, just micro-granularity. Obverse slightly off-center to the bottom, without effect. Obverse sharply clashed above head, incused date numerals faintly visible; reverse appears perfect.

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SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT# 121 AT 110

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2108 **1786 M.5.4-O.1. MBL.** Basal About Good. Rarity 2. 117.6 grains. Uniformly granular; ~~1786 M.5.7-H.~~ 1. ~~MBL. Strong Fine. Low Rarity 5. 146.6 grains. Steel brown. Obverse flawed into head; reverse granular. States as Taylor:2366;~~ **Another.** ~~Fine. 136.2 grains. Golden brown. Planchet cutter clip at 1 o'clock. States as preceding's.~~ 3 pieces.

60 60 66

~~*The last from Coin Galleries' sale of February 12, 1986, lot 1286.*~~

STACK'S SALE SEPT 21, 1994

24 **1786 M.5.4-O.1. MBL.** R-2. Very Fine, deep golden brown. 144.5 gns. Smooth obverse, some reverse pitting. Nice, sharp specimen. EX NORWEB

137.50

Ex Norweb Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 1988), lot 2484.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

953 **1786 M.5.4-O.1. MBL.** Rarity 2. Technically Very Fine, very granular. 127.2 gns. Olive-brown. Short flaw lower right reverse rim. Perfect die states; ~~M.5.5-M. MBL. Rarity 3. Technically Very Fine but from the late states with consequent loss of design detail on both sides. 109.1 gns. Somewhat glossy brown, old corrosion products on reverse. Surfaces heavily flawed both sides; M.5.8-F. MBL. High Rarity 5. Very Fine, shift double struck on a rough and flawed flan with nearly complete loss of peripheral detail. 167.7 gns. Surfaces elsewhere hard and somewhat glossy. An interesting coin with a satisfyingly heavy heft. Apparently from the perfect states of the dies.~~ 3 pieces.

120 375 412.50

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 3, 1990 LOT# 33
POSSIBLY EX SCHENKEL' NOV 14, 1990 LOT# 5660
ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 4 SPRING, 1991

35. 1786. Miller 5.4-O.1, Breen 749. Rarity-2. Mailed Bust Left, obverse border coarse, reverse border fine. 131.4 grains. Fine/Very Fine, almost exactly between the two grades [though of the quality often offered as full VF]. Full legends and date, though some letters are slightly weak. A few light, very old scratches can be found on the reverse, but these blend in well with the chocolate brown toning, and are not even visible at first glance. A pleasing type coin. (PLATE).....$99

35

ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 8 SPRING, 1993

59 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.4-O.1. Rarity 2. 133.8 grains. Nearly Very Fine. Well struck, with all of the details expected of the grade. Struck over so slightly off center towards K-5, though it affects nothing except the very tops of a few letters on either side; the legends and date are complete. Medium brown surfaces, with a couple of minute reverse laminations that are well concealed on Ms. Liberty. A very pleasing, middle-grade example of the variety or type. $109

5.4-O.1

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

(157) Pair of 1786 Connecticut coppers: ☆ M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-2. 131.3 grains. Medium tan, with a small fissure beneath the A in AUCTORI and an edge crack, as struck, at 1:00 relative to the obverse. Evidence of clashed dies can be seen above the effigy's head on the obverse, where the reverse date line is plainly evident. All legends fully on the planchet ~~☆ M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Right. G-4. AG-3. High Rarity-3. 96.2 grains. Pitted surfaces with an edge cut at 9:00 on the obverse.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

145

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN, 1992

(54.) 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.4-O.1. Rarity-2. 131.3 grains. Very Fine, the obverse just slightly weaker than the reverse, due more to the clashed dies almost always found on this variety than any excessive wear. Full legends and date, with attractive light brown surfaces. There is an insignificant fissure below the A of AUCTORI and a small, completely natural planchet crack at K-1; no other damage or defect mars the coin. A perfect type coin, especially for the collector who doesn't want to spend hundreds of dollars more for an example that would be only slightly better!.....$159

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1992

6867 1786 Connecticut copper M 5.4-O-1 Mailed Bust Left F-15. Rarity-2 131.3 grains. A medium tan specimen with a few tiny, natural planchet defects, otherwise free of unsightly marks. Medium tan surfaces. 71.50

BOWER'S 'SUNDERLAND COLL' MARCH 24, 1995

2261 **Connecticut copper date set:** ☆ ~~1785 Miller 3.4-F.1. Mailed Bust Right. F-12. Rarity-3. 128.0 grains. Deep olive-brown surfaces with lighter tan areas on the design high points. Surfaces lightly granular in some areas~~ ☆ 1786 M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity-2. 147.2 grains. Lightly porous olive and brown surfaces. Reverse punctuation faint ☆ ~~1787 M 4-L. Mailed Bust Left. F-15 for sharpness, surfaces uniformly porous with some faint but obvious scratches noted. Rarity-1. 119.6 grains. The popular Horned Bust variety. Reddish brown surfaces ☆ 1788 M 11-G. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8, sharper in some areas. Rarity-3. 116.3 grains. Sharper at the centers than at the rims. Medium brown surfaces exhibit some minor porosity. A planchet cutter lip encircles most of the obverse edge.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

165

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

121 **1786 M.5.4-O.1. MBL.** R-2. About Very Fine. 122.7 gns. Even olive brown, minor micro-granularity. Obverse slightly off center but with serious effect.

From our March 18, 1993 sale, lot 2107

100 100 110 AT 132

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C.Y. SALE NOV 8, 1997

246. **FIVE CONNECTICUT COPPERS.** 1786 M.5.4-O.1 MBL (R-2) VG10 131.2 gns. Attribution number painted onto obverse left field. Medium brown. Full legends and date, although somewhat weak in spots. Obverse punch mark. Planchet flaws at obverse rim 6-8 o'clock.

BOWER'S 'R.W. MILLER SALE' NOV 20-21, 1992

2358 Connecticut copper trio: ☆ 1786 M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. 142.6 grams. Rarity-2. From a clashed state of the dies, with inverted, incused date details seen above the obverse effigy's head. Deep brown surfaces with some faint obverse and reverse scratches ☆ 1 OF 3 PIECES

UNSOLD

BOWER'S 'DONOVAN & HUDGENS SALE NOV 18-19, 1993

2008 Pair of Connecticut coppers: ☆ 1786 M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. F-12, dark. Rarity-2. 147.9 grains. Dark uniformly porous surfaces with a large planchet flaw at Miss Liberty's shield on the reverse ☆ ~~1787 M 32.3-X.4. Draped Bust Left. VG-8, uniformly porous. Rarity-2. 141.6 grains. Dark surfaces with tan design elements.~~ (Total: 2 pieces)

UNSOLD LOT

EAN MAIL BID SALE MAR 18, 1995

77 **1786 CT Copper, Miller 5.4-O.1, Mailed Bust Left, Very Fine.** Rarity 2. Diagonal scratch on the left side of the obverse. Very lightly fissured, yet with lots of nice color and relatively glossy surfaces. .....(150-200)

BOWER'S 'M-H-S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3189 **1786 M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. Net VF-20.** Rarity-2. 146.0 grains. Sharpness approaching EF-40 on both sides, but cleaned long ago and bearing a diagonal obverse scratch from 9:00 downward to 6:30. Very lightly fissured, otherwise free of the flan defects that frequently appear on this die combination.

71.50

BOWER'S 'M-H-S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3190 **1786 M 5.4-O.1. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20.** Rarity-2. 144.6 grains. From a clashed state of the dies, with evidence plainly seen on both sides. Glossy brown surfaces. A sharp and attractive specimen, one that exhibits only minor flan flaws on the reverse. Date mostly off flan.

145

BOWER'S "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

2237 Trio of 1786 Connecticut coppers, all Mailed Bust Left: ☆ M 5.4-O.1. VG-8. Rarity-2. 152.0 grains. Moderately off center on the obverse ~~☆ M 5.5-M. VG-8. Rarity-3. 113.4 grains. Faint obverse scratches ☆ M 5.8-F. AG-3. Rarity-5. 132.1 grains.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

66

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

122 **1786 M.5.4-O.1.** Another. Very Good to Fine, obverse off center, rough, verdigris both sides. 127.0 gns. Misattributed on obverse in a fine hand as "5.7-H.1", with "Dup" above.

20 45 45

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1997

Lot No. 38

FAIR

210 210 231.00

38 **1786 M.5.4-O.1 MBL.** R-2. Very Fine, perhaps a tad finer. 136.4 gns. Quite granular in places but reasonable color. Obverse faint clash marks over head; reverse perfect.

Annotated round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot.

5.4-O.1

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

39 **1786 M.5.4-O.1. MBL.** R-2. Good Fine, dark, obverse a bit granular and off center. 134.2 gns. The **Miller sale coin**; ~~M.5.5-M. MBL. R-3. Very Fine, sharpness of strong Very Fine, light obverse granularity, deep reverse flaw at LI. 104.7 gns. Olive brown, decent color, and a bit better grade than the variety usually comes.~~ 2 pieces. ROBERT MARTIN

150
160
176

The first from Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1842; the second, from Lyman H. Low's sale of the James S. Bryant Collection, December 12, 1906, lot 53. Ryder's tickets accompany this lot, the second corrected in his (?) hand.

Elder-Miller
May 29 1920

No. 1842
plx

1786 CONN
5-4
0-2
Fair.

LOT	DATE	VARIETY	RARITY	GRADE	GRADE	COMMENTS
EAC CONVETION SALE MAY 4, 1996						
26 $240-	1786	M5.4-O.1	2	VF 20	VF 20	CONNECTICUT. MAILED BUST LEFT. Brown with smooth surfaces. Tiny obv. rim nick at 8:00. Some planchet striations. Tiny planchet clip. AVERAGE+.

5.4 - O.1

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

45-
70-
77.00

124. M7 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.4-O.1 MBL (R-2) F15 136.0 gns. Very dark brown, raised portions a bit lighter. Some muted orange shows through at the top of the wreath on the obverse. Generally smooth with faint granularity on both sides. A flaw obscures most of the O in CONNEC. Reverse rotated 18 degrees.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996

268.55[00] THREE YEARS TRIO OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS: 1785 M.6.2-F.1 MBR (R-3) Basal/About Good 120.7 gns. Darker brown. Lightly corroded surfaces with soft scratches on both obverse and reverse apparently from an earlier attempt to remove corrosion. Full date, although weak. WITH 1786 M.5.4-O.1 MBL (R-2) Basal 117.6 gns. Dark brown with lighter highlights. Corroded surfaces. WITH 1787 M.1-1.A MBR (R-3) Good 4 100.6 gns. Surfaces evenly corroded with damage on reverse field 7-9 o'clock. Small rim bumps on obverse 1-2 o'clock. All free of planchet clips. Total 3 pieces.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

020. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.4.-O.1 MBL R2 F15. 131.4 gns. Smooth glossy chocolate brown. A small natural flaw at the rim 1:00 obverse and an inconsequential natural depression in the planchet to the left of the Bust's shoulders. Struck slightly low reverse with the date partial. Well above average for the grade and issue.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

156. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-O.1. Rarity-2 [traditional, possibly scarcer]. 135.1 grains. Fine or so, but somewhat crudely struck. TOR is weak on the obverse, as is ETLIB on the reverse; the date is partially visible. Darker brown color, with some very light surface roughness on the obverse and some light reverse striations. Not as bad as the strict description makes the piece sound, and with some crude charm to the coin. Although listed as a common variety, we note that we have not been able to offer a single example in any grade on our last four price lists, and that none appeared in the recent Stack's sale of the Perkins duplicates – this one may actually end up being scarcer than previously thought!.....$49

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

157. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.4-O.1, another. 145.5 grains. Very Good, some details sharper, others weaker as struck. AUC is gone on the obverse, as are the I of INDE and the date on the reverse; the other letters are all visible though varying in strength. The central obverse detail appears stronger than the grade assigned, the reverse a bit weaker, apparently from die failure. Extremely hard light brown surfaces, quite glossy and with good eye appeal. There are some light marks at AUC on the obverse and at the branch and hand on the reverse. A pleasing example of a scarcer variety.....$29

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

48* **1786. M. 5.5–M.** R–3. Obv. with a cluster of rust pits around upper ribbon end; sprig ornament in rev. leg-end, third parallel of latitude double. Late state, cracks from rim through INDE, obv. giving way below ORI. **Surfaces suggest a grade better than VF with traces of lustre around some letters,** elsewhere tan and light steel; sharpness VF in some details, a little lower in others, evidently as made. Similar in overall quality to the Appleton–MHS coin which went into three figures; finer than that in Merkin's Oct. 1973 sale. Apparently from the Bowers Aug. 1972 list and probably from the Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** **($125.–up)**

$100 — $100 —

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75

48

(31) 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.5–M (R–3) Lustrous EXTREMELY FINE–40, superb surfaces. Severe planchet laminations on obverse and reverse. NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

$80 —

SUPERB BUT COLOR DEFECTIVE XF

SEE STACK'S LIST NOV, 1990 #120

TAYLOR

$275 — BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

(2362) 1786 Connecticut. M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. 91.1 grains. Rarity-3. EF-40, if not finer. Highly attractive, smooth, and glossy surfaces. Little apparent wear, suggesting a grade finer than that awarded here. Unfortunately, struck on a poorly prepared planchet with deep obverse and reverse fissures, and a severe planchet lamination at the top of the obverse. In terms of sharpness, certainly one of the finest known. The planchet on this specimen is notably light compared with the specimen in the next lot.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

SMOOTH BUT TOO DARK

TAYLOR

$110 —

2363 1786 Connecticut. M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. 135.8 grains. Rarity-3. F-12. A second example of this combination. Dark, uniform black-brown surfaces, the reverse marred by numerous tiny pinpricks. Otherwise, glossy and attractive. Considerably heavier than the specimen in the preceding lot.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

511 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.5-M (R-3). Very Fine. Exceptionally nice planchet. Date and lower part of figure exceptionally well detailed.

85 —

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

141 — 1786 Miller 5.5–M, Rarity 3. F–VF. A nice clean specimen with only a few minor planchet defects. One clip affecting the top of E on obverse, and the tops of ET on reverse. Otherwise a lovely specimen, with full date, ornament, etc., and a pleasing light brown color.

26 —

PINE TREE "ELIZ MORTON" OCT 18, 1975

489 1786. **M. 5.5-M.** (R-3) **Some details suggest VF,** others weaker from die failure (lower armor, first C of CONNEC, lower drapery) as made; reddish brown, delicately mottled, unusually free of planchet defects, no nicks or scratches with mention. Falls short of that in our EAC sale coin mostly because of the weakening effects of die failure. Very far above average $45 — ($50.–75.)

Cluster of rust pits near upper ribbon end, sprig ornament after INDE (here obliterated by massive die failure), dies of EAC lot 48 but in far later state

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA

753 1786 Same, no rev. colons.

M 5.9-B.1, 5.5-M, 5.6-M.

5.5-M

1786 Connecticut Miller 5.5-M

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

$800 —

GARRETT

1346 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 5 5 M.** 241 4 grains Rarity-3. A most unusual coin struck on a fantastically oversized and thick planchet weighing an astounding 241 4 grains, making it *by far* the heaviest known Connecticut copper. OPEN $175 — SOLD $800 —

The coin is in the Fine to Very Fine condition and has seen a moderate amount of even wear. There are several test cuts the reverse rim. Full date and with all details clear. An ional specimen with attractive medium brown toning.

ined by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W Ellsworth Collection. PREV. CHAPMAN'S "J. MILL" SALE APRIL 27, 1904

PREVIOUSLY S.H & H. CHAPMAN "JOHN MILLS COLL" APRIL 27-29, 1904 LOT # 257 DESCRIBED AS 1786, NO ATTRIBUTION WHT. 241 GRAINS.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

OK JUST VF REDDISH BROWN

NORWEB

$275 —

2486 1786 Connecticut. M 5.5-M. VF-30 to EF-40. Rarity-3. 140.0 grains. 27.8mm. 190°. Glossy and attractive reddish brown obverse, golden green reverse. Sharpness nearly equivalent to Taylor 2362. Obverse die state later than Taylor 2362 and 2363: bulge under first O on the obverse into field before forehead. Reverse die state equivalent to the Taylor coins. Struck from dies which had clashed at one time. A few, obverse striations noted.

Purchased between 1913-1915

SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT # 123 AT $495.00

SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT # 42 AT $990.00

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

LOT # 2343 M 5.5-M. 121 2 grains Rarity-3 VG-8

~~(Total: 5 pieces)~~ 1 OR 5 PIECES

TAYLOR

ROSA AMERICANA FPLMC SPRING 1992

23 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5 5-M Rarity-3 123 4 grains Fine or so Struck on a dark and somewhat defective planchet, with a few laminations on either side The legends and date are full Not unattractive, and, more importantly, quite inexpensive! $29

5.5-M

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

NICE XF45

OECHSNER

DON PARTRICK

300-
1600-

Lot No. 1046

1046 1786 Miller 5.5-M. Mailed bust left. 123.2 grains. **Extremely Fine,** struck on a problem-free planchet. A few small nicks, and a tiny spot before the nose. Reddish brown and olive, glossy surfaces. Strong date and legends.

$1,760-

BILL ANTON

EX STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

SMOOTH DARK OLIVE BROWN & TAN

OECHSNER

350-
850-

Lot No. 1047

1047 1786 Miller 5.5-M. Another. 130.7 grains. **Fine,** double struck, the first impression centered, the second 30% off-center toward K5. Both dates show clearly.

$935

STACK'S "T.H. ALLEN" FEB 4, 1977

(27) 1786 Miller 5.5-M. Rarity 3. Well centered and sharply struck. The mail is sharp and the hair almost complete. The reverse is marred only by a planchet defect through T LIB. The date as well as all the other letters and ornaments is sharp and clear. **Extremely Fine.**

$70-

STACK'S "MASS HIST. SOCIETY" SALE MARCH 29, 1973

(41) 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.5-M. Rarity 3. Well centered and sharply struck. The mail is sharp and the hair almost complete. The reverse is marred only by a planchet defect through T LIB. The date as well as all the other letters and ornaments is sharp and clear. Extremely Fine.

110-

HERITAGE SALE AUG 11-14, 1983

1104 1786 Connecticut VERY FINE (25) Miller 5.5-M. (R-3). Mailed Bust Left. Mottled medium brown with a red verdigris patch at CON. A bit uneven but much more balanced than usually seen; the date is particularly sharp as is the obverse legend. Just a hair off 1975 EAC: 48 and far nicer than the "typical" 1786.

55-

FAIR

COIN GALLERIES SALE, AUG 20, 1986

1339 1786 M.5.5-M (R-3). Very Good, dark blackish-brown toning with lighter devices, somewhat granular but full date.

20.90

BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24-26, 1985

2313 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.5-M. Bust facing left. Fine to Very Fine. Planchet defect on the rim affects the bottom of the last digit of the date and the corresponding obverse border. Excellent detail for the variety, with the latitude lines on the globe visible and with the shield border sharply defined.

N. PULLEN LIST, 1978

1786 M. 5.5-M, R-3
A choice, no problem planchet
F-VF (15) 110.

BOWER'S RCR #7 SEPT, 1970

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.5-M. (R-3). Fair $8.00; Good $12.00; VG $23.00; VF $59.00. VF-EF 89.00

BOWERS' TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

Sharp 1786 M ~~5.6-M~~ 5.5-M

FEW RIM BRUISES

TAYLOR

NICE VF30 GOOD COLOR

60-
325-
357.50

MIS-ATTRIBUTED 5.5-M

2364 1786 Connecticut. M ~~5.6-M.~~ Mailed Bust Left. 116.4 grains. Rarity-5. VF-30, an uncommonly sharp specimen, with full cuirass, and longitudinal and lattitudinal lines. Glossy, medium brown surfaces, free from striations or other planchet flaws. First I on reverse always weak. Curious incusations around and beneath the first three letters in the obverse legend, possibly clash marks. Die bulge beneath ORI on obverse. Far sharper than the Pine Tree I A C specimen, quite probably within the middle of the Condition Census range for the variety.

Purchased from Richard Picker 1977

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

RCR #15 AUG, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.5-M (R-3). Fair $8.00; Good $15.00; Very Good $26.00. Fine obverse, EF reverse $67.50. VF-EF ... 105.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #5 MAY, 1970

1786 Mailed bust left. (5.5-M) VF-EF, planchet split at edge #5 . 29.50

5.5-M

NEW NETHERLAND'S 59TH SALE JUNE 13-15, 1967

381 Another. M. 5⁵-M (R-3). Very Good. Clean light brown surfaces. Obtained as "Fine." #12-

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 SPRING, 1993

61 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.5-M, another 123.4 grains. Fine or so. Struck on a dark and somewhat defective planchet, with a few laminations on either side, though the legends and date are full. Not all that bad and quite inexpensive at only $29

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL.) 1989

5.5-M	1786	EF-/L	R3	Heavy striations.
5.5-M	1786	VG+/V	R3	Clip [illegible]
5.5-M	1786	EF-/E	R3	Planchet defects and [illegible]
5.5 5.5	1786	G/VG		Brockage. Several digs

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

5.5-M 9458 (15) FINE (15)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1786 Copper VF (pitted) 7.50g 180° Miller 5.5-M

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

30) 1786 M.5.5-M Very Fine (20-25). A few tiny flaws on obverse. Smooth olive brown surfaces and color.

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

879 1786. Mailed bust l. M. 5⁵-M. Fine and sharp, but with deep flan flaws; the planchet slightly warped. $3.25

COIN GALLERIES SALE' FEB 22, 1989

1247 — ~~1787 Hercules head. Miller 5.3N. Nearly a full date. Dark brown, obverse rim dent.~~ 1786 Miller 5.5-m. Reverse scratches. ~~Both~~ Fine. 2 pieces. 154-

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

67 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. Rarity 3. 132.6 grains. Fine. Actually Very Fine or better in terms of detail, but struck on a slightly bent planchet, with a couple of light laminations on the obverse, and some minor nicks along the rim. There is a straight clip from K-1 to K-3, indicating that the planchet was cut from the end of a strip. EX OECHSNER LOT #1216 ? $69

SEE BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990 LOT #1079

BOWER'S "SPRINGFIELD COLL' DEC 15-18, 1981

5007 ~~Group of Connecticuts: (1) 1785 MBR M.4.4-C (R-4). Sharpness of VG-Fine, but a few deep planchet defects; (2) 1786 MBL. M.5.4-N (R-6). Fine, but dark and porous;~~ (3) 1786 MBL. M.5.5-M (R-3). Good; ~~(4) 1787 MBL M.11.1-E. VG; (5) 1787 DBL. M.33.15-r.1. Fine, cleaned; (6) 1787 DBL. M.33.36-T.2. Fine VF, granular, but very attractive.~~ (Total: 6 pieces)

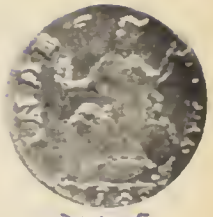
95'

COL. NEWS. JULY, 1982 P. 784

5.5-M of 1786

PINCHED EDGE EXAMPLE ~~BARNSLEY~~ SPECIMEN? KELLER

MILLER



PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1843 1786. Head l. AUCTORI: CONNEC. Rx. Liberty to l. INDE .:. (Fleuron) ET LIB. (Not in Crosby). V. Rare. Obv. of C. 5-M. V.F. Plate. 3.35

2095 1786. C. 5 (5)-M. R. 3 Fine. .55

2096 Another, fine. .70

2097 1786. C. 5-M. Crosby Supplt. R. 3 Another, 5 (6) M. last rarity 5, a most difficult piece to find., first VG, second fair. 2 pcs. .40

2098 1786. C. 5 (5) M, and 5 (8) H (2) VGood lot. 3 pcs. .22

2163 1786. ~~C. -5-I. VG.R. 3~~; also 5 (5)-M. 2 pcs. .25

MID-AMERICAN '1986' SAN DIEGO SALE' SEPT 26, 1986

13. ~~A lot of five Connecticut Coppers as follows:~~ 1786 Miller 5.5-M. Rarity 3. Very Good, olive and dark brown. ~~1787 Miller 32.3-x.4, Rarity 2. Fine, cleaned. 1787 Miller 33.17-r.1, Rarity 4. Fine, cleaned. 1787 Miller 33.19-Z.1, Rarity 2. Fine, struck from bulged dies, dark brown with tan highlights. 1787 Miller 378-k.2, Rarity 3. Very Good, or better. Olive and dark brown.~~

A total of five coins in this lot

PINE TREE SALE JUNE 19, 1978

210 1786 Mailed Bust Left. "Company for Coining Coppers." ~~M.4.1-G (R-2). Good, with charcoal and dark brown patina, very late die state. M.5.4-0.1. (R-2) Fine, peeling type lamination defect of central obv.~~ M.5.5-M. (R-3) some details VG, most others G. ~~M.5.10-L. (R-5) Very Good, rev. weak due to die failure~~, 4 Pcs.

70'

ALSO PINE TREE SALE JAN 8, 1977

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1114. 1786 Miller 5.5-M. Rarity 3. Fine. D. [illegible] ~~1787 Miller 1.1-A. Rarity 3. Very Good.~~ [illegible] top and bottom of the obverse. 1 OF 2 PIECES

40'

5.5-M

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1222 1786 ~~M.4.1-G. Mailed bust left. Very Good, some light porosity; M.5.4-O.1. Good, weak strike. Glossy deep brown~~; M.5.5-M (2). About Good. One with a planchet clip at the right obverse; ~~M.5.9-Q (R-5). About Good; M.5.11-R (R-5). Good, some light planchet defects~~. 6 pieces. 2 PIECES

165-

STACK'S SALE "JUNE 27-28, 1975

30 ~~1785-6 Connecticut. Miller 3.4-F.2 (R.3), Miller 5.1-F.5 (R.4), and~~ 1786 Miller 5.5-M (R.3). All well centered with full dates and legends. Even moderate wear. Good. 3 pieces.

37.50

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1983?

22 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.5-M, (R-3). A nice Very Fine, excellent surfaces. TO R. MARTIN. 145.00

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER, 1991

21. 1786 Miller 5.5-M. Fine, completely free of any problems. Full legends and date.....$29

MIKE RINGO LIST AUG, 1990

8.1786 M.5.5-M, 119.0 grains. Very Fine, smooth medium brown surfaces with a few light striations that are not overly distracting. Well centered and struck up, full date and legends, and the ornament on the reverse is sharp. 200.00

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1989

4. 1786 MBL, M.5.5-M. Very Fine, glossy brown planchet with virtually no defects. Well centered, late obverse die state with a bulge at ORI. Much better than average for a 1786 type..... 250.00

5. 1786 MBL, M.5.5-M. Very Fine, medium brown with some light obverse pitting. Still a decent copper, with full date and legends..... 125.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

9. 1786 MBL, M.5.5-M. Fine, full date, most of legends complete..... 35.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1985

5. 1786 M.5.5-M. Good, medium brown and very clean for the grade..... 20.00

MIKE RINGO LIST, JULY, 1986

5. 1786 MBL, M.5.5-M. Very Good or better, full date, some weak areas.... 35.00

A-MARK LIST #1 DEC, 1972

1786 M5.5M R3. Very Fine $59.00

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-5.5 Very Fine, granular surfaces . . 100.00

STACK'S SALE APRIL 27, 1988

22 ~~1786 Hercules Head. Miller 5.3-N. Nearly a full date. Dark brown, obverse rim dent~~; 1786 Miller 5.5-M. Scratched. ~~Both are~~ Fine. 2 pieces.

165-

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

540 1786. Mailed Bust Left. "Company For Coining Coppers." ~~M.4.1-G (R-2). Good, with charcoal and dark brown patina, very late die state. M.5.4-O.1 (R-2). Fine, peeling type lamination defect of central obv., no other noticeable defects.~~ M.5.5-M (R-3). some details VG, most others G. ~~M.5.10-L (R-5). Very Good, rev. weak due to die failure, usual light planchet flaws. (For comparison see respectively lots 37, 47, 48, and 96 of our 1-A C sale.)~~ 4 pcs. ($300-360)

80-

5.5-M

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1786 M 5.5-M

The Miller Specimen ?

TINY FIELD MARKS

OBV OR REV NICE GOOD COLOR

160-375-

D. MITUZAS

1159 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. 115.8 grains. VF-20. The Miller sale specimen.** Attractive, pale golden brown on both sides. Perfectly centered. Flan somewhat rough over the effigy's forehead, elsewhere relatively smooth and somewhat glossy. Tiny edge nick above E on the obverse. Late states of both dies, much later than Taylor:2362. Both obverse and reverse dies sunk, on the obverse in the upper left field between RI and the effigy's forehead, also on its breast; on the reverse, the die sunk across Liberty's lower legs, engaging the bases of neighboring IN; also sunk at the top, obscuring most of Liberty's head; NDE neighboring punctuation mark joined by a linear circumferential break. An attractive example, overall, made more desirable by its pedigree.

From Thomas Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, July 10, 1920, Lot 1068; Ryder Collection. Ticket and envelope accompany this lot. Called "Defective" and "Poor" by Ryder, who clearly failed to appreciate the states of these dies.

$412.50

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MARCH 28, 1990

1160 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. 126.7 grains. Rarity-3. F-15. Obverse and reverse microscopically granular. Deep gouge in the center of the reverse, across Liberty's breast. Old adhesive at the top of the obverse. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor:2362; reverse slightly later than that coin, the die a little more settled than on that specimen. Both dies considerably earlier than the example in the preceding lot. A second opportunity to acquire a specimen of this Connecticut variety.

Ex Ryder Collection. Envelope accompanies this lot. Called "Good" by Ryder.

38.50

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LITS #1 FEB, 1989 LOT #67 AT $69-

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

1079 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.5-M. Rarity-3. VF-20. 132.6 grains. Gray and golden brown. Clipped from 1:00 to 3:00, slightly bent. Heavy obverse lamination in the left field. States about equivalent to Taylor:2363. $38.50

ROCK LIST $69-

BEND

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG, 1985

221. As above. Miller 5.5-M. (R-3). Extremely Fine. Dark brown with a planchet flaw at the obverse center. The date is full and the legends are complete; there are no other problems noted besides the aforementioned planchet flaw. A good piece for the type collector. $350

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

5.5-M, R-3, Very Fine, a Choice coin!... 225.

1786 M.5.5-M Choice Very Fine. Smooth, glossy light mottled brown planchet.

WHT. 117.3 GR.

D. SONDERMAN 5/79 – R. MARTIN

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

1786 M 5.5-M Copper

Late Die States

125-180-

SMOOTH

198.00

5661 **1786 M 5.5-M.** Rarity-3. **VF-30,** pleasing, glossy deep olive. Minor flaw on reverse at D. Late die states, later than Taylor:2363. Heavily sunk on obverse, O partially, R mostly, I entirely gone; reverse sinking on knees much heavier than seen on the Taylor coin. It is entirely possible that M 5.5 and M 5.6 may be the same die, in different states.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

20-120-

$132.00

5375 **1786 Connecticut copper. M5.5-M. Mailed Bust left.** 131.6 grains. Rarity-3. **VF-20.** Obverse flawed before face, as Taylor:2362. Deep olive and brown on both sides. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2362/3, sunk in the left reverse field.

Ex Ryder Collection. Henry Chapman envelope with Crosby attribution number, accompanies this lot.

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5662 Trio of 1786 coppers: ☆ M 5.5-M. Rarity-3 (2). One F-12, very porous. 107.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2363; another F-15, obverse edge nicks, 97.8 grains. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor:2363; reverse later, head now obscured by sinking ☆ ~~M 5.6-M. Rarity-5. Value of VG-8, sharpness of F-15, porous and flawed. 109.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor:2364. Reverse state shows 5.6-M contemporaneous with 5.5-M, with some 5.5-Ms struck afterwards.~~ DECENT 2 PIECES

275.00

SEE KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92 #65/7

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1360 **1786 Miller 5.5-M.** 114 grains. Mailed bust left, heavy irregular dash after INDE, very full head on Liberty. Dark glossy brown. Fine. SMOOTH LIGHT OLIVE GREEN

HESSBERG

5.5-M

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST NOV, 1990

EXCEPTIONAL "HERCULES HEAD"

EX. TAYLOR #2362

EX. NEW ENGLAND 7/23/76 #31

120 ~~119~~

120 **1786 Miller 5.5-M.** Mailed bust left. Planchet shows deep obverse lamination at top, rolling striae on the reverse. Well detailed strike, actually a sharp example of the variety. Rich glossy brown surfaces. Thin planchet for this type. **Extremely Fine.** $1,100.00

Ex Frederick B. Taylor Collection (Bowers & Merena, March 1987, lot 2362), where described as "EF-40, if not finer."

AT $302.50

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 17, 1991

575

EX TAYLOR #2362

Lot No. 2522

2522 **1786** M.5.5-M. Mailed bust left. Planchet shows deep obverse lamination at top, rolling striae on the reverse. Well detailed strike, actually a sharp example of the variety. Rich glossy brown surfaces. Thin planchet for this type. **Extremely Fine.**

632.50

Ex Frederick B. Taylor Collection (Bowers & Merena, March 1987, lot 2362), where described as "EF-40, if not finer."

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2618 **1786 M 5.5-M.** MBL. R-3. 112.1 gns. Fine. Dark brown fields, lighter brown high points. Granular and rough, lightly flawed on obverse across neck. Later states than Taylor:2362/3/4: obverse failure obscures bases of ORI and engages wreath tip; Liberty's shins obscure now.

40.00

VERY GOOD OVERALL

1786 M 5.5-M has one of the widest weight ranges in the entire Connecticut series, from the light 91.1 grains of Taylor:2362 to the extraordinary 241.4 grains of Garrett:1346.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6513 Trio of 1786 Mailed Bust Left Connecticut coppers ~~☆ M 5.3-1 VG-8. Rarity-3. 116.5 grains. Die alignment 260°. A glossy medium brown specimen with some obverse and reverse planchet fissures, as struck. Actually quite attractive for the grade.~~ ☆ M 5.5-M. VG-8. Rarity-3. 101.1 grains. Very faint, old obverse and reverse scratches noted for accuracy. From newly failed state of the obverse and reverse dies, with a prominent die bulge at ORI on the obverse and Liberty's leg area on the reverse. ☆ M 5.5-M. G-6, perhaps slightly finer. Rarity-3. 109.3 grains. A second example of this popular variety. Uniform faint porosity on both surfaces. From an earlier state of both dies, with obverse and reverse bulges just beginning. (Total: 3 pieces)

88.00

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6514 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. F-15. Rarity-3. 97.8 grains. Dark brown surfaces, verging on black. Reverse die sinking has obscured Liberty's head details with additional bulges noted at her feet and beneath the I in INDE.

27.50

From our sale of the Chris Schenkel Collection, November 1990, one of three pieces in Lot 5662.

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

6515 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. F-12. Rarity-3. 121.3 grains. Considerably heavier than the specimen in the preceding lot. Glossy medium brown surfaces. Reverse die state similar to preceding lot, with Liberty's head details obscured and bulges noted above the date and beneath the I in INDE. On the obverse, an area of die failure has weakened the bottoms of ORI. A pleasing coin for the grade.

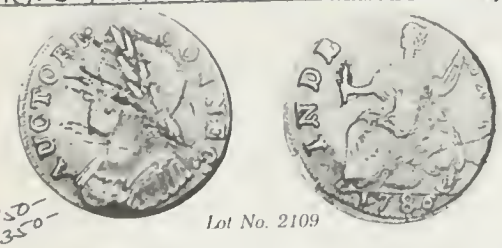
121.00

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL. SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2110 **1786 M.5.5-M. MBL. Very Fine.** Rarity 3. 125.6 grains. Even olive brown. Surfaces appear hard; two linear flaws on each side. Planchet cutter lip obverse from 8 to 11 o'clock. States about as Taylor:2363, obverse failure at OR slightly later. Full date.

75 150 165

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993



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Lot No. 2109

2109 **1786 M.5.5-M. MBL. Very Fine,** sharpness of Extremely Fine in places. Rarity 3. 113.4 grains. Nice, even olive brown. Surfaces appear hard and glossy. Planchet striations through center of obverse, across reverse shield. Reverse slightly off-center to upper left, clear outline of planchet cutter lip from 12 to 7 o'clock. Technically nicer than Taylor:2363, Norweb:2486, and examples seen in 12 private collections. Far nicer than the Hessberg coin. From the later states of the dies, obverse sinking in field below ORI; reverse on ankles and field below IN. The heaviest Connecticut seen, 241.4 grains, was a 5.5-M.

385.00

Ex Chris McCaudley's February 1990 Fixed Price List, lot 190.

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPLAB SPRING 1993 LOT #60

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

953 **1786 ~~M.5.4-O.1. MBL. Rarity-2. Technically Very Fine, very granular. 127.2 gns. Olive-brown. Short flaw lower right reverse rim. Perfect die states~~; M.5.5-M. MBL.** Rarity 3. Technically Very Fine but from the late states with consequent loss of design detail on both sides. 109.1 gns. Somewhat glossy brown, old corrosion products on reverse. Surfaces heavily flawed both sides; **~~M.5.8-F. MBL. High Rarity-5. Very Fine, shift double struck on a rough and flawed flan with nearly complete loss of peripheral detail. 167.7 gns. Surfaces elsewhere hard and somewhat glossy. An interesting coin with a satisfyingly heavy heft. Apparently from the perfect states of the dies.~~** 3 pieces.

120 375 412.50

FAN MAIL B/D SALE MARCH 18, 1995

78 **1786 CT Copper, Miller 5.5-M, Mailed Bust Left, Fine.** Rarity 3. 113.2 grains. Attractive brown colorations, with some light porosity on most of the obverse, but with a particularly smooth and glossy reverse. ..... (75-100)

BOWERS "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

2237 Trio of 1786 Connecticut coppers, ~~all Mailed Bust Left: ☆ M 5.4-O.1. VG-8. Rarity-2. 152.0 grains. Moderately off center on the obverse~~ ☆ M 5.5-M. VG-8. Rarity-3. 113.4 grains. Faint obverse scratches. ~~☆ M 5.8-F. AG-3. Rarity-5. 132.1 grains.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

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5.5-M

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 SPRING, 1993

CONDITION CENSUS ?
EXAMPLE OF
1786 MILLER 5.5-M

60 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.5-M. Rarity-3. 113.4 grains. From the March, 1993 Stack's sale of the Perkins duplicates, where this piece was ably described by Michael Hodder as follows: "Very Fine, sharpness of Extremely Fine in places.. Nice, even olive brown. Surfaces appear hard and glossy. Planchet striations through center of obverse, across reverse shield. Reverse slightly off-center to upper left, clear outline of planchet cutter lip from 12 to 7 o'clock. Technically nicer than Taylor:2362, Norweb:2486, and examples seen in 12 private collections. Far nicer than the Hessberg coin. From the later states of the dies, obverse sinking in field below ORI; reverse on ankles and field below IN." The coin was plated in the Stack's sale, though we hasten to note that the planchet striations on the obverse look much more noticeable in the plate than they appear on the coin. To Michael's wonderful description we can only add that this specimen is easily in the CONDITION CENSUS for the variety, and is by far the nicest example of the variety that we've ever had the opportunity to offer! A choice specimen, nearly as sharp as the Oechsner coin, which brought $1760, but available for a lot less!..... ..... $679

The Condition Census for the variety appears to be as follows:

1) Oechsner, Extremely Fine
2) Massachusetts Historical Society, Extremely Fine, later in Stack's 2/77 sale
3) Private collection, Extremely Fine (may be one of the above coins...)
4) Taylor, Extremely Fine, large planchet fissures
5) The present coin, Choice Very Fine, nearly a full EF
6) Private collection, Choice Very Fine

In addition, solid VF examples were in the Schenkel sale (two specimens), the ANS collection and the Colonial News letter collection.

SEE STACK'S PERKINS COLL SALE MARCH 18, 1993 LOT#2109 @ 385.00

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1786 M.5.5-M #9458 HALL-SHUMWAY, 1919.
(F15) VERY FINE, DARK.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

91 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.5-M. Rarity-3. 141.9 grains. About Very Fine, the centers a bit weaker than that grade level, though with the color and surface quality of a full VF. Full legends, the tops of CONNE a bit fuzzy, but everything else bold, including a full date on the reverse. Attractive light brown surfaces that are hard, extremely glossy and with just the bare minimum of circulation marks expected for the grade, none of which are all that detracting or serious. Struck from the latest die state we've seen, the obverse with a heavy die bulge beneath ORI and another large one on the reverse cutting across Liberty's lower legs. A most pleasing example of this variety which, while not rare, is extremely difficult to find in anything better than Fine.....$119

Later die state than any of the three Taylor coins; the reverse die state about the same as when it was paired with obverse 5.6 [offered below].

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#10 SPRING, 1995

97 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.5-M. Rarity-3. 94.3 grains. Very Fine, boldly struck (especially for an '86 issue!), with full legends, date (quite unusual) and sharp design details on both sides. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse just a tad rough, the reverse fairly hard. Quite clean, without any trace of post striking damage or defect, which all add up to a pleasing example of this variety that is only slightly scarce in low grades, but which is difficult to find in anything higher than Fine. This one is also priced right at.....$89

5.5-M

BOWERS 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3191 1786 M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20. Rarity-3. 109.4 grains. Struck from collapsed dies, with noticeable swelling on both sides. Microscopically porous but totally acceptable for the grade. Olive-brown surfaces.

110

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3192 1786 M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. F-15/VF-20. Rarity-3. 121.2 grains. From an earlier state than the previous lot, with just a hint of swelling on either side. Mostly hard brown surfaces display just a hint of porosity and a few scattered marks. Nicely centered, with full date, legends, and a good amount of dentilation on the reverse.

88

The weight standard for this die combination fluctuated greatly during the minting process. For instance, Taylor:2362, called EF-40, weighed in at 91.1 grains. Taylor:2363, that called F-12, weighed in at 135.8 grains. The two specimens offered above weigh 109.4 grains and 121.2 grains respectively.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

124 1786 M.5.5-M. Another. About Good to Very Good, rough, verdigris. 95.7 gns; ~~M.5.10-P. MBL. High R-6. Very Good, sharpness of Fine in places. Dark brown and black, uniformly granular but well centered and quite scarce.~~ 2 pieces.

25 110 121

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

32 1786 ~~M.2.1-A. MBR. Small Head. R-3. Very Good, flawed. 89.5 gns. Dark olive. Obverse perfect, reverse failing in left field~~; 5.5-M. MBL. R-3. Dark and micro-granular Fine. 120.3 gns. Obverse failing under OR, reverse across knees. 2 pieces. T. TERRANOVA

100 110

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.5-M
ABOUT UNCIRCULATED
BROWN AU

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

39 1786 ~~M.5.4-O.1. MBL. R-2. Good Fine, dark, obverse a bit granular and off center. 134.2 gns. The Miller sale coin~~; M.5.5-M. MBL. R-3. Very Fine, sharpness of strong Very Fine, light obverse granularity, deep reverse flaw at LI. 104.7 gns. Olive brown, decent color, and a bit better grade than the variety usually comes. 2 pieces. ROBERT MARTIN

150 160 176

~~The first from Tom Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1842~~; the second, from Lyman H. Low's sale of the James S. Bryant Collection, December 12, 1906, lot 53. Ryder's tickets accompany this lot, the second corrected in his (?) hand.

Bryant = Low
Dec 12 1906
No 53
phy

1786 CONNECTICUT
5-5 / M R⁰ Good.
Mailed bust facing left.

M & G AUCTIONS 'L.T. SMITH SALE' JAN 7, 1995

84. 60 1786 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.5.5-M. About Fine. Attractive light brown with slightly darker fields. The surfaces are mostly smooth and glossy. Some minor planchet striations show on the obverse, with heavier flaws on the reverse. Aside from a minor rim dent on the reverse at K2 and a planchet flaw beneath the date, there are only minor circulation marks consistant with the grade. Rarity 3

BOWER'S M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3091 1786 M 5.5-M. Mailed Bust Left. F-12, uniform faint porosity on both sides. Rarity-3. 113.2 grains. Medium tan surfaces. Nice design detail for the grade.

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ROSA AMERICANA FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

36. 1786. Miller 5.5-M, Breen 752. Rarity-3. Mailed Bust Left. 113.4 grains. Fine or slightly better, full legends and date. Dark brown color, absolutely free of any defects or other problems, and as pretty of a coin in this grade level that you could ever find.....$49

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

*123 1786 M.5.5-M. MBL. R-3. Strong Very Fine, with claims to Extremely Fine. 146.6 gns. Obverse ruddy brown, reverse olive green. Obverse linear striations but rather minor, reverse soft and a bit granular below knees. EX NORWEB

180 450 495

From Bowers and Merena's sale of the Norweb Collection, Part II, March 1988, lot 2486.

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SEE STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995 LOT# 42 @ $990.00

5.5-M

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

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900-
950-

EX NORWEB

Lot No. 42
WEAK INK ATTRIBUTION ON EDGE

42 **1786 M.5.5-M. MBL.** R-3. Strong Very Fine. 146.6 gns. Medium olive-brown obverse, with some mahogany overtones; olive-brown and green reverse. Lightly striated on the obverse; reverse quite granular through legs, globe, and shield. Surfaces in other places smooth and hard. **Attribution number painted** on edge in yellowed white lacquer, the sort traditionally ascribed to Dr. Hall. This was the Norweb sale coin, and had been inherited by the family from Albert Holden, who in turn, acquired it (along with others) shortly before his death in May, 1913. Obverse die failing below first O; reverse as Taylor:2362/3. SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT #123

Ex Norweb Collection, Part II (Bowers & Merena, March 24, 1988, lot 2486); earlier, possibly ex Dr. Hall. AT 275 00

We know that Virgil M. Brand bought 356 Connecticut coppers from Dr. Hall's estate on September 7, 1909, after the latter's death. We also know from the cataloging of the Norweb Collection that several coins originally owned by Dr. Hall were sent on approval to Albert Holden shortly before May, 1913. Since it is usually believed that Virgil M. Brand never sold anything that he had once bought, an explanation has to be found for how some of Dr. Hall's coins wound up in the Holden-Norweb collection during Virgil's lifetime.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

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75

125. M8 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.5-m MBL (R-3) VF25 100.9 gns. Dark olive brown, portions of the attribution in yellowed ink remain on the obverse. Though reflective the obverse has several areas of significant pitting, notably in front of, above and to the right of the head. The reverse is free of pitting, only slightly granular and generally attractive. There is a circular clip at the bottom of the obverse. Minimal reverse rotation.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

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126. M9 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.5-M MBR (R-3) F12 128.2 gns. Medium to dark olive and quite nice for the grade, smooth and problem free. Weakness in the right legends, with a bold date. No reverse rotation.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOXLEY" JAN 11, 1997

021. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.5-M MBR R3 VF20. 104.3 gns. Perfectly even olive brown, smooth and rather glossy. Problem free, a nice example of this variety.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 5, 1997

250. CAN YOU BELIEVE ANOTHER SIX CONNECTICUTS? 1786 M.5.5M MBL (R-3) VG8 111.5 gns. Harshly cleaned. Fire orange and blue tones. Well centered. Strong date. ~~WITH 1787 M.2-B MBL~~

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

AN EXCEPTIONAL MILLER 5.5-M
One of the Finest Known Examples! ?

111 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.5-M. Rarity-3. 125.2 grains. Extremely Fine, nearly choice. An exceptionally attractive 1786 issue, boldly struck with full legends, a sharp and complete date and all of the finer design details expected of this lofty grade. Even better, the coin is struck on a light brown planchet with surfaces that are hard and extremely glossy. There are some minor striations on the obverse effigy's torso, of no consequence. A slightly deeper one is found on the reverse through the N of INDE which continues into a hair-thin striation across Liberty to the E in ET. About equal overall to the finer of the two Taylor coins [graded "EF40, if not finer" and later called a full AU when it was offered by a prominent colonial dealer], which had the same gorgeous surfaces but which had larger and more obtrusive planchet flaws than does this coin. The only other coins that we've ever seen that could give this piece any sort of competition are the EAC '75 coin which was about EF and the Oecshner coin, which was a full EF and which sold for $1760! Everything else has been in noticeably lower grades, even those in large "name" sales: Hessberg had a Fine, while the Garrett coin was F/VF but on an extremely heavy planchet that weighed 241.4 grains. The Miller coin was VF, as were examples in Schenkel and the recent C4 convention sale. Perkins had a choice VF, as did Norweb, the latter coin reappearing in Stack's June, 1995 sale where it brought $990. Although not rare as a variety, the average grade appears to be around VG or Fine, and anything nicer than VF can be considered quite a find. A coin in this condition, with this kind of eye appeal and flash can certainly be considered a rarity in the series. Here is a beautiful example that will never have to be upgraded by its new owner.....$729

From the Mrs. Lillian S. Willins collection, pedigree unrecorded.

5.5-M

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST #2 OCT. 1996

7 Conn 1786 D.B.L. M. 5.5-M R3 Good 119.7 grains. Smooth dark surfaces. A few weak or missing letters but full date. No problems. 40.00

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "MAIL BID SALE" JAN 18, 1997

732 1786 CONNECTICUT MBL. MILLER 5.5 M R3 G6. 124.1 gns. Medium brown and fairly smooth where unflawed. Flawed near obverse rim at 6:00 with scattered striations on both sides. Full legends and date. Reverse with detail of VG.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

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330-
363-

151. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5-5-M MBL (R-3) VF30 111.9 gns. Smooth, nearly but not quite hard, pale golden olive surfaces that are virtually free of porosity but show trace roughness at the bulges where die failure is occurring. A significant vertical flaw is at the right reverse rim causing part of the T, all of LI, and part of the B of ET LIB to be lost. Bulging occurs beneath OR on the obverse and at the lower left of the reverse but central details are nearly as strong as the Strong VF Norweb/Hall coin which appeared again as lot 42 of Stack's 6/95 sale. The die failure on this coin is slightly more advanced. This coin is not one that is easy to greatly improve on. It is as strong as the Perkin's duplicate (called Very Fine, sharpness of Extremely Fine in places) though that too was from earlier die states, and nicer than the example we offered in our 10/95 Griffee sale. →

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

49 **1786. M. 5.6-M.** High R-6. Similar obv. but without the die failure or rust pits; four leaves (rather than three) on back or upper side of wreath; same rev., earlier slate. **Some details Fine, others VG,** dark and lightly rough. **Very rare, only one auction record**—a possibly slightly sharper example slept in Merkin's sale. Believed ex Bowers April 1972 list at well into three figures. We have never seen a really sharp example. **(Photo)**
$185 **($275.–up)**

$185

EAC '75

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STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1361 **1786** Miller 5.6-M (R-5). 127 grains. Mailed bust left, two lamination lines on face. Last letter in INDE is now a blob resembling a filled B, heavy dash follows as stop. Dark brown, punch mark on Liberty's shoulder. Bold Fine. SEE STACK'S FPL FALL 1992 LOT # 265 (PLATE) AT $350.00

247 75 225

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

PUNCH MARK ON REV. OK COLOR LAMINATION DR. HALL HESSBERG

1361

Lot No. 1360

BOWERS TAYLOR SALE MARCH 27, 1987

2365 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.6-M. Mailed Bust Left.** 132.1 grains. Rarity-5. VG-8. A second example of this combination on a rougher and darker flan, with some porosity. Attribution number painted on the obverse, which also bears the curious graffito "keep." Somewhat later state of the dies, with a pronounced bulge running across Liberty's legs on the reverse, and one or two areas of softness on the obverse. The obverse die appears convex, suggesting it was sinking when this piece was struck.

$44 OK VG

PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

507 **1786. M. 5. 6-M** (high R-6). **VF surfaces and most details, others only Fine as struck,** but sharp for this variety which is always seen weakly struck.

Glossy even brown, well centered, slight uneveness of rev. rim due to the way the blank was cut. Superior to our 1975 E. A. C. coin, lot 49, at $185.

$160

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

2487 1786 Connecticut M 5.6-M VF-20 Rarity-5. 140.8 grains 28.4mm 180 Dark brown, almost black Obverse bulge extends to forehead and below in field, later than Taylor 2364 AUC boldly repunched

Purchased between 1913-1915

$110 TOO DARK NORWEB

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

32 $25 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.6–M (R–6) VERY GOOD–10, heavily corroded surfaces.

NEW ENGLAND SALE MAY 20, 1977

4 1786 Connecticut Copper. Mailed Bust Left. M #5.6-M. R-6. VERY GOOD–10, heavily corroded surfaces.

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BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

545 **1786** Mailed Bust Left. 5.6 M (R-5). Fine or better. Weakly struck at centers, as always for this issue. Planchet imperfection on edge. One of the finest known specimens of this very rare die variety.

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5.6-M

1786 Connecticut Miller 5.6-M

BOWER'S "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

BREEN PLATE

(See Color Photo)

GARRETT

TO A. TERRANOVA

1347 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.6-M.** 125.5 grains. Rarity-5. Easily distinguished from the more common 5.5-M by the obverse V-shaped die break that Miller describes as extending from the corner of the mail to the border and back through the last colon. OPEN $700 SOLD $2,200 –

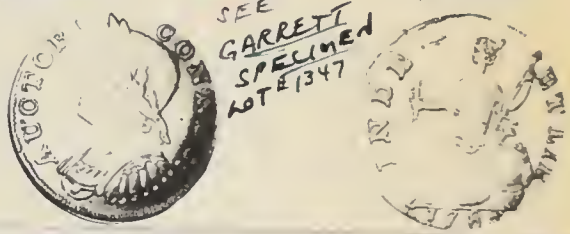
Uncirculated or just a hair's breadth from it. The irregularities of striking, present on virtually every variety of Connecticut copper, make it difficult to distinguish between lightness of striking and actual wear, as specialists know well. Another spectacular specimen with some faded original mint red still visible. Lightness of striking, as made, at the upper center obverse of the corresponding part of the reverse. By far the finest ever seen by Richard Picker or ourselves. Another prize for the connoisseur.

Obtained by John Work Garrett from the Col. James W. Ellsworth Collection.

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE COIN

753 1786 Same, no rev. colons. (1987)
M. 5.9-B.1, 5.5-M, 5.6-M.

BREEN PLATE



SEE GARRETT SPECIMEN LOT # 1347

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1990

5662 Trio of 1786 coppers: ☆ ~~M 5.5-M. Rarity-3 (2). One F-12, very porous, 107.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor 2363, another F-15, obverse edge nicks. 97.8 grains. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor 2363, reverse later, head now obscured by sinking.~~ ☆ M 5.6-M. Rarity-5. Value of VG-8, sharpness of F-15, porous and flawed. 109.9 grains. States equivalent to Taylor 2364. Reverse state shows 5.6-M contemporaneous with 5.5-M, with some 5.5-Ms struck afterwards.

The third Ex Harmer Rooke Million Dollar Sale (5-20-6109)

275.00

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

113 **1786 ~~M.4.1-G. A third. Obverse sharpness of Fine. 124.5 gns. Obverse granular; heavy reverse flaws;~~ M.5.6-M. MBL. R-5.** Very Good, scratched both sides, reverse flawed. **109.6 gns. 2 pieces.**

30 40 44

R. HUGHES LIST OCT. 1980

M-5.6 Good, planchet defects 125.00

5.6-M

STACK'S 'OECHSNER' SEPT 9, 1988

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100-
350-

TINY PINGS

Lot No. 1048

D. MENCHELL

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 31, 1973

142 — 1786, Miller 5.6-M, Rarity 5. Fine. Quite a rare variety, and quite a nice coin. Early die state without die break at final colon, but with swelling above forehead, and correspondingly on the reverse. Very similar to obverse 5.5, but colons definitely low, and UCT definitely recut not mentioned by Miller. Minor planchet defect through head. Evenly struck, full date.

40'

F/VF OK

OECHSNER

1048 **1786 Miller 5.6-M.** Mailed bust left. (R-5). 110.1 grains. Very Good, weakly struck from bulged dies.
$385- The date is sharp, the upper head and the legs of Liberty very faint. Medium brown toning.

PINE TREE "BREEN '85" SEPT 6, 1985

66 **1786 Similar, no rev. colons.** M. 5.6-M. Unpublished late die state: massive central obv. buckling affecting face and head; radial cracks from rim to O(N), rim to r. corner of armor. Nearly Very Fine, very unevenly struck on defective planchet. Far finer than 1975 EAC:49 (VG-F, rough, $185). High Condition Census for the variety. Very rare (R-6), almost always in low grades. (Photo)

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75-

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ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.6-M
ABOUT UNCIRCULATED, WEAK STRIKE
EX FRENCH OCT, 1961

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.6-M (R-5). Absent from our No. 12 offering. F-VF, a rare coin, especially in this high grade RCR #14 . . 145.00

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.6-M. (R-5). Very Good RCR #7 . 9/70 . 59.00

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.6-M (R-5). F-12. Weak at centers as made RARE COIN REVIEW #30, 1978 . . . . . 79.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.6-M	1786 VF-/V	R6+	Weak strike.
5.6-M	1786 VG+/G	R6+	Striations.
5.6-M	1786 F-/F-	R6+	Striations.
5.6-M	178[illegible]		Sunken obverse die.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

31) 1786 M.5.6-M Fine. Myriad of scattered obverse defects. Reverse is smooth. Mottled tan and darker brown.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1844 1786. C. 5(6)-M. (Parmelee Collection). Dented on obv. G. .20

2097 1786. ~~C. 5-M. Crosby Supplt. R. 3~~ Another, 5 (6) M. last rarity 5, a most difficult piece to find., ~~first VG~~, second fair. 2 pcs. .40

MIKE RINGO LIST MARCH, 1989

12. 1786 M.5.6-M. Very Good, light porosity, full date and legends..... 30.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE AUG 20, 1986

1340 1786 M.5.6-M (High R-6). Good, weak centers and obverse cleaned; scratches on reverse. Strong date and legends
49.50

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

5.6-M

1786 Miller 5.6-M

Condition Census

*2619 401.00 **1786 M 5.6-M.** MBL. R-5. 132.2 gns. **Fine. Condition Census.** Even, light and dark golden brown. Centers rough on both sides. Linear flaws on obverse, two small digs and a rim nick on reverse. Finer than Taylor:2365, the Bowers and Merena (11/90) coin, and Norweb:2487 (called Very Fine-20). Technically equivalent to the ANS and Oechsner:1048 examples. Garrett:1347 was exceptional. Obverse failing around center; reverse indistinct below waist (later state than when married to obverse 5.5). FAIR FINE

2619

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

40 80/ 870/ 93 **1786 M.5.6-M, MBL. R-6** (revised). Very Good, very granular, deep olive. 112.1 gns. Obverse failing around center, reverse from date across legs to I; ~~M.5.9 Q. MBL. R-5 (revised). Good/Very Good, obverse scratched. 115.1 gns. Not bad for a variety whose CC seems to be AU-EF-F! Die states uncertain.~~ 2 pieces.

SEE M. SPENCER ROSA AMERICANA FPL #12 (1997) LOT #92

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C Y GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995

CONDITION CENUS LEVEL M.5.6-M

325 - 460 - 506.00

270 1786 CONNECTICUT COPPER M.5.6-M (R-6) F12 104.6 grains. Fine, technically perhaps a bit better. Nice glossy medium to dark chocolate. Some very slight planchet flaws that do not amount to roughness but the surfaces are not perfectly smooth either. Some scratches near I of INDE and some very light ones on the obverse. Late die state with obverse bulge obscuring most of profile and Britannia's lap on reverse indistinct. Bulge extends to field near I. Condition Census. About equal to the Picker coin, but a bit more attractive. The Picker coin, lot 2619 in the 1992 Coin Galleries sale, was a bit later die state. About equal to Oechsner's piece and better than one of the Taylor coins. A very attractive example with much nicer surfaces than usual.

1786 M.5.6-M Wht.120.4 Grains. Very Good. Very dark & porous.
Ken Mote to Mike Spencer 12/7/96.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING 1995

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 5.6-M
Long Unrecognized as a Rarity in the Series!

FINE CHARCOAL BROWN OFF-CTR TOWARDS 6 O'CLOCK.

EX. M. RINGO STOCK

98 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.6-M. High Rarity-6. 144.6 grains. Very Fine or just a hair's breadth away from that grade level. Boldly struck, with full legends and a sharp, crisp date. The design details on either side are also quite strong. Darker brown fields with light brown highlights give the coin an attractive two-tone appearance. The planchet is quite clean and free of any sort of damage or defect. One of the most difficult varieties to find in the entire obverse-5 family of 1786 issues, and an unrecognized rarity for many years. Many of the examples offered in the past have proven to be misattributed, usually a 5.5-M instead of a 5.6 (though the placement of the obverse colons, especially the last one, should immediately suggest the difference). The present example is certainly in the CONDITION CENSUS for the variety. The Garrett coin was a phenomenal UNC, by far the finest known. The examples in all the other major collections have been in more realistic grades: VF's in Taylor and Norweb, the latter coin black and rough; a Fine in the Picker reference collection, a VG/F in both the EAC '75 and Hessberg sales, the latter being the Dr. Hall coin with a heavy rim dent [and which still brought $247.50], and a VG in Oechsner at $385 rounding out the recent auction appearances [~~the example in Stack's June, 1994 sale was misattributed~~]. Because of the relative ease in acquiring the 5.5-M variety, collectors often assumed that the 5.6-M, which is very similar, was equally easy to find. Over the years it became obvious that this was one of those unrecognized rarities in the series and the variety has been included on more and more want lists, even from advanced collectors of the series! This is the first that we've been able to offer, and we certainly expect it to sell quickly at just.....$659

5.6-M

McCawley & Grellman 3rd C4 Sale Nov 8, 1997

152 357 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5-6-M MBL (R-6) F12 124.1 gns. Medium to deep olive brown, the obverse has a smooth look despite scattered light striations, and the legends are full. The ever present die bulge obscures the Bust's profile at the center of his face and at the very end of the hair ribbons, which for the variety is stronger than generally encountered. The reverse again has scattered striations along with evenly dispersed pitting. Full legends, the date partially obscured by a flaw. This is a very tough variety to find in upper grades, the current coin is close to condition census and can be loosely grouped with a number of other Fines including lot 270 from our 10/95 Griffee sale, Stack's Hessberg #1361, and the Picker Reference coin which was lot #2619 from Coin Galleries 7/92 sale. The Oechsner coin appears undergraded at Very Good and is stronger than this piece. Garrett had the finest known, an Unc. sold as lot 1347 in B&R's 10/80 sale. Newman has an AU with a weak strike. No EF's have been traced, and the bottom of the census drops to Fine. *A number of collectors are confused in attributing M.5.6-M because the plated Taylor coin, lot 2364, was a misattributed M.5.5-M. A number of supposed 5.6-M's are actually 5.5-M's attributed with Taylor. The matter was confounded in Stack's Hessberg catalog where lot #1361 was plated as #1360, the number assigned to a M.5.5-M. Long considered a rarity 5 variety, the rarity for M.5.6-M was reassessed upwards in the mid 1990's based on more complete data base records, though low rarity 6 may prove to be more accurate.* →

5.6-M

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 5.6-M

92 1786 Conencticut. Miller 5.6-M. High Rarity-6 [possibly aLow R-7]. 112.1 grains. ~~Choice Fine~~. Boldly struck for the grade level, with full legends and a sharp, crisp date. The centers are a bit weaker, as struck, though even there the detail is easily of the Fine level. Medium olive brown surfaces, with some light scattered roughness, but not all that bad and completely free of post-striking damage or defect. An extremely rare variety, one of the most difficult in the entire obverse-5 family of 1786 issues, and unrecogonized as a rarity for many years, possibly because many of the specimens offered have proven to be misattributed examples of the much more common Miller 5.5-M [see footnotone for one glaring example!]. Only a handful of examples have appeared at auction: the Garrett coin was a phenomenal Unc., easily the finest known. Norweb had a black and rough VF, the Picker coin was Fine and VG/F's were present in both the EAC '75 and Hessberg sales, the latter a Dr. Hall coin with a heavy rim dent. Oeschener's VG brought $385, before the true rarity of the issue was known! Nothing else appears to have been publicly offered recently. We've only been able to offer one other example, a VF-ish coin on our Tenth price list which sold quickly at $659 and received multiple orders from other specialists in the series. We expect this coin to be on a lot of want lists and to be the object of many phone calls!.....$429

We made two goofs in our description of the variety on our Tenth price list in 1995, though they cancel each other out in the long run: first of all, the piece in Stack's June, 1994 sale was not misattributed [this is that coin]. Secondly, the nice example offered in theTaylor sale as Lots 2364 was actuallya misattributed Miller 5.5-M [note the placement of the obverse colons, especially the last one; on the 5.6 obverse it is quite low, which is the only easy diagnostic for the variety]. Lot 2365 of the Taylor sale was not plated, so we are unaware of whether that piece was correctly attributed or not. We mention this mistake for two reasons: 1) so that collectors can update their copies of Taylor and not use that photo as attribution for the variety and 2) to underscore just how easy the variety is to misattribute: that coin was sold to Taylor by Richard Picker, both of whom missed the correct attribution, as well as Q. David Bowers and Michael Hodder when the coins were catalogued for sale.

EX. STACK'S "BOYD - RYDER" SALE JUNE 8, 1994 LOT #40 AS VG GRANULAR

Connecticut 1786 M.5.6-M
Richard August duplicate
Offered at $1900 6/15

5.6-M

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL#14 SUMMER 1999

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 5.6-M

One of the Finest Known Examples!

129. 1786 Connecticut Copper. Miller 5.6-M. High Rarity-6 [possibly a Low Rarity-7?]. 102.3 grains. Nearly Extremely Fine. A simply amazing example of this rarity, generally quite boldly struck, though with one small area of weakness on either side, as struck. First the high points: fantastic design detail on either side, including full mailing in the obverse bust and shield. drapery, branch and hair detail on the reverse; Liberty's knee and the globe are weak. The legends are quite strong. the RI of AUCTORI lost to the weak area, as is the I of INDE, but everything else is razor sharp, and the date is fully on the planchet, quite bold and even has a row of denticles beneath it. Really quite an amazing strike for the issue, which tends to come weak at the centers. Nice darker brown surfaces, the obverse hard but with some hints of patina around some of the letters; the reverse has some very light striations in the field, of no major importance. No post-striking damage. An extremely rare variety, one of the most difficult in the entire obverse-5 family of the 1786 issues, and unrecognized as a rarity for many years, especially since many examples offered as this variety have been misattributed examples of the much more common Miller 5.5-M, and only a handful of correctly attributed examples have appeared at auction. This one is clearly high in the CONDITION CENSUS for this extremely rare issue! The Garrett coin is the finest known, a phenomenal Uncirculated specimen. We have heard of a solid EF in a private collection, but know no other pedigree for that piece; our records contain no other examples nicer than the one offered here, and the roster dips noticeably in grade from this point! Norweb's was VF but dark and rough, the Picker coin was Fine, and the EAC '75 and Hessberg sales each contained a VG/F, the latter a Dr. Hall piece that had a heavy rim dent. Oeschner's was just VG, but brought an amazing $385 well before the true rarity of the variety was known! The variety was missing from the Taylor collection (the 5.6-M offered in that sale was actually a 5.5-M), as well as most of the larger offerings of Connecticut coppers. We were able to offer a VF-ish piece on our Tenth price list and a Choice Fine on our Twelfth list (earlier from Stack's June, 1994 sale), each of which quickly sold, and both with multiple orders. This specimen was purchased through noted colonial dealer Tony Terranova, and collector's who are acquainted with Tony's strict eye and sense of aesthetics will recognize the quality of the piece offered here. Truly an impossible piece to overestimate, and one that we think will be extremely popular with the specialists in the series!.....TO NEIL ROTHSCHILD.....$899

As mentioned the Taylor coin was actually a misattributed example of Miller 5.5-M While the two obverse are similar (both were prepared from the same complex hub), the easiest way to distinguish between the two is in the placement of the colons after the legends, especially the final one On the 5 6 obverse the final colon is quite low, making an easy diagnostic As many collectors rely solely on the Taylor catalogue for attribution for this series, we encourage people to note the correction in their catalogue, many of the misattributed pieces sold at auction or offered by dealers for private sale were a result of relying on the Taylor photos and descriptions for the variety

5.7-H.1

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

50 **1786. M. 5.7–H.1.** High R–5, possibly low R–6. Always with some stage of heavy break across neck; here, as advanced as we have seen. **Obv. Very Fine or better, rev. considerably weaker** in strike, struck on a rough defective planchet; possibly lightly cleaned long ago. Only one sharper example seen in years—that in Lester Merkin's 1973 sale, which was a sleeper, as its true degree of rarity was not spelled out. **(Photo) ($250–up)**
*Bids accepted by mail only.
$160 $160

EAC'75

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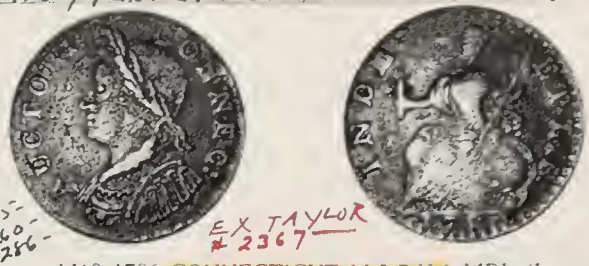
BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA P.68 (1988)

751 1786 Same, no cross after INDE. 2 vars. Rare. M. 5.2-H.1. 5.7-H.1.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995



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EX TAYLOR #2367

127. M10 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5-7-H.1 MBL (Low R-5) VF25 148.4 gns. Dark chocolate brown, some lighter tones at high points. Overall smooth, some scattered light porosity on the obverse and a small nick in the field before the chin while the reverse has a thin haze of microscopic porosity. Planchet rim slightly irregular at 1:30 obverse. Reverse rotated 75 degrees. Ex. Taylor, lot 2367 (ticket not included)

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK COLOR

WEAK REVERSE

TAYLOR

2366 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.7-H.1. Mailed Bust Left.** 158.9 grains. Low Rarity-5. **VF-30.** Struck on heavy planchet. Golden brown surfaces, with heavy porosity in some areas. Struck partially off center on the reverse; deep planchet cutter mark around a portion of the obverse rim. Heavy die break across the figure's neck, probably a medium stage of development. Second obverse N scraped. Not quite as sharp as the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen, but free from the planchet flaws seen on the reverse of that piece.
$110 X

SEE MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995 #127
BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2367 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.7-H.1. Mailed Bust Left.** 148.3 grains. Low Rarity-5. **VF-20.** A second example, on a lighter weight planchet. Dark brown surfaces, with some edge roughness above the second word of the obverse legend. Die break across neck about as advanced as seen on the preceding specimen. Obverse nick in field before chin. D. MENCHELL EX TAYLOR
$88 DARK

ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION

PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976
ROBERT MARTIN COLL.

508 **1786. M. 5. 7-H. 1** (high R-5). **VF surfaces and obv. details; rev. Fine or better sharpness.** 132.6 GR.
$60 Much better struck, though, than the rev. of our 1975 E. A. C. coin. Thin wavery planchet flaw traverses obv. from C of AUCTORI to first C of CONNEC. Miller attribution penned on l. obv. field. Rich glossy brown, somewhat lighter on highest surfaces. See 1975 E. A. C. lot 50 at $160.

N. PULLEN LIST #2, 1976

1786 MAILED BUST VF Nice even choc. color, sharp strike, one die break from C of Conn. to C of Auctori, old attribution on obv. 5/H1 Rarity 5+ WITH 132.6 GR. $120.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

2488 1786 Connecticut. M 5.7-H.1. VF-20, or finer. Rarity-5. 137.7 grains. 28.2mm. 260°. Crescent shaped depression in flan, from neck to AU. Obverse state equivalent to Taylor: 2366. Reverse usually softly struck below the knees. Overall, nicer than the Taylor specimen. *Purchased between 1913-1915.* POSSIBLE BEND NORWEB
$99 OK/NICE COLOR

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.7-H.1
VERY GOOD

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

33 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.7–H.1 (High R–5) VERY FINE–25, nice surface with only minor planchet flaws. Condition census.
$130

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

546 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.7-H.1 (R-4). Extremely Fine. Some areas of light striking at center. Reverse die rotated 75 degrees. One of the finest known specimens of this elusive die variety. A major opportunity for the specialist.
$100

L. MERKIN SALE OCT 19, 1966

48 CONNECTICUT. 1786. Mailed bust left. Miller 5?-H1. Colons; no other punctuation. VG to Fine; possibly of higher grade as surfaces are pleasing, but weakly struck up, especially on part of reverse. Rare, listed as R-4 on Miller's 6-point scale.
$13

5.7-H.1

STACK'S SALE JUNE 18, 1981

55 1786 Miller 5.(7), H (1). Rarity 4. Mailed bust left. Fine. $85 –

REV. WEAK DEFECT ON OBV. OVERALL WEAK XF FAIR

OECHSNER

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

250–
475–

Lot No. 1049

D. PARTRICK

1049 **1786 Miller 5.7-H.1.** Mailed bust left. **(R-5).** 144.3 grains. **Extremely Fine** or better, a planchet defect at the central armor reaching through to the reverse by Liberty's knee, and a couple of lesser defects. Very little apparent wear, generally well struck, with the lines on the globe visible and the staff complete. Light brown and olive, deepening a bit in places. Glossy surfaces. Not quite as sharp as the EAC specimen, but well ahead of the Taylor coin.

$522.50

H.M. INC. SALE' NOV 4, 1983

UNEVEN STRIKE

58 **1786. M.5.7-H. 1 (High R-5). Fine. (Photo)**

Dark brown toning, obverse planchet flaw into top rear of head, another thin one at left reverse, but planchet generally far better than PT EAC #50, die break on neck almost equally far advanced, somewhat granular surface. $49.50

BOWERS' DONOVAN & HUDGENS SALE NOV 18-19, 1993

2009 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.7-H.1. Mailed Bust Left. F-15, uniform faint porosity. **Rarity-5-.** 151.6 grains. Die alignment: 270°. Slightly off center at the top of the obverse, with faint planchet flaws noted. From the usual state of the dies, with goiter-like die break at effigy's neck. Reverse well centered, with all peripheral legends and discernible date on flan.

154.00

BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992

326 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.7-H.1. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30. Rarity-5.** 152.2 grains. Die alignment: 270°. Glossy brown surfaces with some areas of inactive verdigris noted on the reverse. Later state of obverse die, with heavy die crack across effigy's head, and crack from rim through first N and cud forming over second N of CONNEC. Some faint planchet fissures are noted on reverse, visually equivalent to Taylor:2366, perhaps slightly finer. All things considered, a reasonably attractive example of this scarce and popular issue.

148.50

$44 – MID-AMERICAN "1987 AUG SALE" AUG 21-22, 1987

15. **1786 Connecticut Copper. Very Good (8/8). Miller 5.7-H.1, Rarity 5.** The obverse is ten percent off-center towards K-12, and the date is off the planchet on the reverse. Evenly worn, with a pleasing color.

44 –

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW' #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.7-H.1 (R-4). Fair $9.00; Fine RCR #14. . 37.50

FINE TREE SALE JUNE 19, 1978

209 ~~**1785 Mailed Bust right M.6.4-1 (R-4). Very Good, obv. much bolder than rev. charcoal patination with olive mottlings.**~~ **1786.** Mailed Bust Left **M.5.7-H.1.** (High R-5, nearly R-6) **some details Fine, others VF. 2 Pcs.**

$75 –

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.7-H.1	1786 F/F	R5+	Striations.
5.7-H.1	1786 VG+/V	R5+	Striations.
5.7-H.1	1786 EF-/F	R5+	Planchet defects.
5.7-H.1	1786 VF/F-	R5+	Weak strike, some mint red.
5.7-H.1	1786 VG/G		Contemporaneous counter CONN C't'ft

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5.7-H.1 6386 (12/2) FINE/POOR

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1786 Copper G 8.21g 180° Miller 5.7-H.1 (R4)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

32) 1786 M.5.7-H.1 Extremely Fine-45. Ragged edge defect (as made) at 12 o'clock. Smooth light tan.

J. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

143 — 1786, Miller 5.7-H.1, Rarity 4. EF. Dies ½ upset. Obverse perfectly centered, reverse somewhat off center, but with full date. Obverse sharply struck, reverse somewhat soft. A few old minor scratches at about 7 o'clock on obverse. An excellent dark olive specimen.

75'

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-5.7-H.1 Fine, nicely toned 75.00

BOWER'S NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT # 2485 M 5.7-H.1. F-12/VG-8. Rarity-5. 151.5 grains. 28.2mm. 260°. Uniformly porous. Obverse state as the specimen to follow in Lot 2488 below, reverse sharper than that coin; NORWEB

PINE TREE 'FUN '77' JAN 8, 1977

LOT # 47 1786. Mailed Bust Left M.5.7-H.1. (High R-5, nearly R-6) some details Fine, others VF. 2-pcs. 1 OF 2 PIECES

5.7-H.1

STACK'S 'H. OECHSNER' SALE SEPT 9, 1988

1218 1786 Miller 5.7-H.1, ~~5.8-H.2~~, ~~1787 Miller 33.10-Z.~~8. All are **High R-5.** The first is Very Fine with hairlines on the reverse. Deep brown and olive, date no longer visible. ~~The second is Fine, lightly porous from a cleaning. The third, Very Fine, has deep red obverse and lovely rich golden brown reverse.~~ An old Henry Chapman envelope accompanies the first piece, 3 pieces. $247.50

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

68 **1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.7-H.1. Mailed Bust left. Rarity 5. 123.8 grains. Extremely Fine.** Medium brown, with some mottled areas of a darker color. This variety always comes with the obverse bolder than the reverse. The present specimen is stronger than usually seen, with all but the right and lower portions of the reverse well struck. Much finer than the Taylor coin, which sold for $110, and on par with the similar-appearing Oecshner coin that brought $522.50. An excellent opportunity to acquire a choice example of this rare variety. EX. OECHSNER LOT # 1218 1 OF 3 PIECES $495

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Accompanied by an envelope from Henry Chapman, circa 1920; the envelope reads "1786 Conn. Cats. $20-. 5.7-H.1. Rare. $20." The selling price of $20 was quite high in an era when such rarities as the Willow Tree shilling, the Standish Barry threepence, and the date-under-plow beam New Jersey coppers all brought roughly the same amount!

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 15, 1989

Lot No. 1684

1684 — 1786 Miller 5.7-H.i (R-5). Fairly well centered, only the very tops of DE missing. Very Fine, the date is weak but present. Medium brown toning with touches of olive. Late die state, a large break on the figure's neck, connected by a hairline scratch to the second N (which is itself connected to the rim by another die break which becomes a rim cud). There is an even larger rim cud over CO. Typically soft at the lower reverse. The latest die state we can recall seeing.

$297

D. LINETT MAIL BID SALE #2 AUG 1985

222. As above. Miller 5.7-H.1. (R-6). Choice Extremely Fine/Very Fine. Typical strike with the obverse much bolder than the reverse. Two planchet flaws are present on both the obverse and the reverse. Far nicer than the 1975 E.A.C.: 50 coin which was then thought to be the finest known. $500

ABT UNC - FINEST KNOWN

ROBERT MARTIN COLL. 1/19/89

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF COLL' SALE 7/22/92

2610 **1786 M 5.~~1~~7-H.1.** MBL. R-5. 126.4 gns. Technically Very Fine. Olive brown obverse, glossy deep olive green reverse. Obverse sharp, reverse much softer on right and at base. Minor obverse granularity and striations, reverse granular across most of the surface. Reverse rim nicked at 10 o'clock. This variety is commonly found on rough and striated flans (cf Taylor: 2351/2, for example). **Perfect obverse state,** the die showing no signs of failure in left field and clearly the reason for its inclusion in the Picker Reference Collection.

429.00 DARK OLIVE GREEN

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2620 **1786 M 5.7-H.1.** MBL. Low R-5. 118.8 gns. Very Fine Even, olive brown. Surfaces mostly smooth, hard, semi-glossy. "X" rated on both sides, probably a cancellation mark to prohibit further circulation. States equivalent to Taylor:2366 7. F/VF X SCRATCHED

110.00

"X" rated colonial era coins have been the subject of several articles in The Colonial Newsletter. *It is still not exactly known why many coppers, and at least one E G FECIT Continental Currency coin, were so marked. "X" ratings are most commonly found on Connecticut coppers.*

MIKE RINGO LIST, MAY, 1986

3. 1786 Bust Left, M.5.7-H.1. Fine obverse, Good reverse, struck on a somewhat defective flan. An R-5 variety..... 40.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #40 NOV 21, 1985

12. 1786 Miller 5.7-H.1. Good-4, R-5. Higher grade strike wise, but porous. Reverse weak as usual. Scarce. $40

DICK AUGUST LIST, DEC, 1981

42. 1786 Mailed Bust Left, VG-F.5.7H.1 rarity 4 $45

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975

541 ~~1785. Mailed Bust Right. M.6.4-I (R-1). Very Good, obv. much bolder than rev. charcoal patination with olive mottlings, dies of lot 23, our E.A.C. sale.~~ 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.7-H.1 (high R-5, nearly R-6) some details Fine, others VG (see lot 50, our E.A.C. sale) 2 pcs. ($110.-130.)

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5.7-H.1

The triple hubbed obverse – see enlargement of lower right area on page 423. Note typical additions to die after hubbing -- embellishment to breast plate, recutting of leaves in wreath including serrated edges, addition of colons to legend. Note also the characteristic weakness of detail in right central area of head. This weakness was due to the double problem of failure to fully raise the hub compounded by difficulty in striking of the coin.

Obverse 5.7 of 1786 BARNSLEY COLLECTION

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2102 **1786 ~~M.5.2-I. MBL.~~** ~~About Fine. Rarity 3. 123.2. grains. Brown. Flawed at obverse top, bottom reverse. Perfect states. Usual reverse orientation~~; **1786 M.5.7-H.1. MBL.** Technically strong Very Fine. Low Rarity 5. 137.0 grains. Brown. Very granular, chisel cut and bent. States as Taylor:2366; **~~1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL.~~** ~~About Fine. Low Rarity 6. Brown. Obverse micro-granular, reverse somewhat glossy and hard. Planchet cutter lip around much of obverse edge. Obverse failing under AU; reverse appears perfect.~~ 3 pieces.

100- 110- 121-

STACK'S 'PERKIN'S COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2111 **1786 M.5.7-H.1. MBL.** Fine. Low Rarity 5. 114.9 grains. Dark golden brown. Uniformly granular. Deep flaw, partial lamination at the obverse center. States as Taylor:2366; **~~1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL.~~** ~~Overall Fine. Low Rarity 6. Dark brown and orange, reverse attractive. Surfaces micro-granular. Well centered, reverse ornament sharp, ET soft. Obverse failing below AU.~~ 2 pieces.

120- 260- 286-

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST SUMMER, 1975

12 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.7-H.1. Extremely Fine. Slightly uneven strike, the obverse field bears meticulous white ink attribution numbers, as often seen on coins owned or handled by Henry Miller. Satisfying smooth olive-brown. $975.00

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "SCHOENTAG SALE" JAN 6, 1996

23. 1786 CONNECTICUT M 5.7-H.1 R5- F15+, 133.9 grains. Mostly glossy light brown with some darker olive in protected areas of the obverse. The reverse is much nicer than the Taylor coin called VF30. A nice example of this very scarce issue.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996 LOT # 269
STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2108 **1786 ~~M.5.4-O.1. MBL.~~** ~~Basal/About Good. Rarity 2. 117.6 grains. Uniformly granular~~; **1786 M.5.7-H.1. MBL.** Strong Fine. Low Rarity 5. 146.6 grains. Steel brown. Obverse flawed into head; reverse granular. States as Taylor:2366; **~~Another.~~** ~~Fine. 136.2 grains. Golden brown. Planchet cutter clip at 1 o'clock. States as preceding~~'s. 3 pieces.

60- 60- 66-

~~The last from Coin Galleries' sale of February 12, 1986, lot 1286.~~

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 SALE" OCT 12, 1996 LOT # 270
STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

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60- 60- 66-

The last from Coin Galleries' sale of February 12, 1986, lot 1286.

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

325- 425- 467.50 TONY TERRANOVA

Lot No. 41

GOOD COLOR VF SOME WEAKNESS

41 **1786 M.5.7-H.1. MBL.** Low R-5. Net Very Fine, sharpness in places of EF to AU. 123.3 gns. Orange tan. Rough on effigy's face, rim over CTOR rough and ragged, as made. Hall attribution number painted in white on obverse. Even though this variety comes EF and one AU is known to us this is a nice example. Obverse rim cud over first N; reverse small breaks in upper left field.

Annotated round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot.

SEE COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 6, 1996 # 2904

5.7-H.1

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

RARE 1786 MILLER 5.7-H.1 CONDITION CENSUS

62 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.7-H.1. Low Rarity-5 118.8 grains Very Fine, fully in the choice category in terms of strike and color! The obverse is boldly impressed, with all of the legends and design detail bold and crisp. The reverse is just a tad weaker at the absolute centers, though the legends and date are all complete (the reverse weakness appears to be endemic to the variety—compare with the Taylor coin, for example, which is much weaker than the present specimen) Gorgeous glossy brown, hard surfaces that are smooth and choice There are two thin, ancient scratches on either side of the coin, which are visible, but which have blended in with the coin's natural color quite well A solid Condition Census example of this scarcer variety, nicer than the Taylor coin as well as the EAC '75 specimen (which was a bit sharper but had major reverse flaws). A tough variety to find in any grade—the specimens in the recent sale of the Perkins duplicates were all extremely low grade $219

The Condition Census for the variety appears to be as follows

1) The ANS coin, Extremely Fine, natural edge defect
2) Turoff collection, Extremely Fine, slightly weak.
3) Oechsner coin, Extremely Fine, weak
4) Colonial Newsletter collection, nearly Extremely Fine
5) The present example, Very Fine
6) The EAC '75 coin, Very Fine, reverse weak and flawed
7) McIntire's 4/85 sale, Very Fine, clipped planchet
8) Taylor, Very Fine, but porous
After this, the Census drops off to a few Fine specimens

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 6, 1996

MILLER 5.7-H.1

Ex Hall Collection

Lot No 2904 VF GOOD COLOR SOME WEAKNESS

2904 **1786 Connecticut Copper. M.5.7-H.1.** Mailed Bust Left. Extremely Fine, light golden brown color on semi-hard surfaces, with some gloss remaining. Miller attribution number in white in the left obverse field.

Ex Hall Collection (S.H. & H. Chapman, December 1894)

EX. STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' 6/8/94 LOT #41 AT $467.50

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

158. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.7-H.1. Low Rarity-5. 147.3 grains. Very Fine/Fine, the reverse a bit weaker than the obverse. Generally well struck, the obverse with a full, sharp legend and bold design detail. The reverse has a full legend, but is weak at the lower part of the coin, with only traces of the date visible. Medium brown surfaces that are a bit glossy on the reverse There is a rim nick on the obverse at K-9, and a couple of light circulation marks consistent with the grade. A tough variety to find in nicer condition, this one is nearly as sharp as plated Taylor coin, and free of the flaws found on the admittedly nicer EAC '75 coin. Inexpensive at just.....$69

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

112 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.7-H.1. Low Rarity-5. 130.2 grains. Fine or so, with the usual erratic strike found on some 1786 varieties. CTORI is off the planchet, as are the tops of ETLIB and the date on the reverse, else the legends and design details are congruent with the grade here assigned. A small straight clip at K-10 on the obverse mentioned for accuracy. Medium brown surfaces, some light striations on either side. A scarcer variety, with a crude sort of charm. Inexpensive at just.....$59

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

269 ~~452~~ TWO CONNECTICUT COPPERS: 1786 M.5.7-H.1 MBL (Low R-5) F12 146.7 gns. Medium dark brown. Dull surfaces. Reverse porous. Planchet flaws with largest flaw on obverse from rim into head. Extremely weak date. Ex George Perkins (Stack's 3-18-93, Part of Lot 2108). ~~WITH 1787 M.32.2 X.1 DBL (R-2) Good 4 132.4 gns. Chestnut brown. Glossy surfaces, slightly porous. Extremely weak date—some would say invisible. Minute rim clip 11 o'clock obverse. Rim bruise 5 o'clock obverse. Weak central details.~~ Total 2 pieces.

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

270 ~~66~~ TWO CONNECTICUT COPPERS: 1786 M.5.7-H.1 MBL (Low R-5) F15 136.2 gns. Medium brown. Lightly porous. Planchet flaw in reverse field, plus uneven rim 1-2 o'clock on obverse, as made. Partial date. Ex George Perkins Collection (Stack's 3-18-93, part of Lot 2108). ~~WITH 1788 M.15.2 P (Low R-6) Good 4 119.5 gns. Medal turn. Dark brown with deep red verdigris coating. Reverse planchet flaw extending from rim at 1 o'clock towards center. Light scratches on obverse field. Slightly uneven edge, as made.~~ Total 2 pieces.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

99 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.7-H.1. Low Rarity-5. 135.1 grains. Fine, a few details closer to the Very Fine level, others weaker as struck, more so on the reverse. The obverse legends are complete, while the reverse has only INDE visible, the rest lost to the usual erratic strike found on most of the 1786 Mailed Bust Left varieties. The central details on either side are quite strong for the grade. Attractive medium brown planchet, with a tiny lamination at the final N of CONNEC, else free of defect. A pleasing example of this scarcer variety, and one that is seemingly unknown in grades better than EF [indeed, the Condition Census contains several solid VF coins at the low end]; it's also on quite a few want lists, so if you need the variety, you'd better call soon! WAS $119.....NOW $109

5.7-H.1

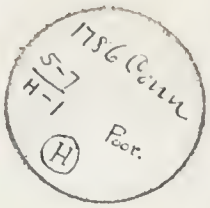
STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

42 1786 M.5.7-H.1. MBL. Low R-5. Sharpness of Very Fine, dark, rough, granular, old obverse scratch. 132.5 gns. Hall attribution number painted in white on obverse. Die states as the preceding's; ~~M.5.8-F. MBL. High Rarity-5. Strong Fine, granular, light brown, deeply flawed on reverse. 157.1 gns. Die states uncertain.~~ 2 pieces. R. MARTIN

80/ 130/ 143/

The first apparently from the Chapman brothers in December 1894, round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot; ~~the second from Tom Elder's 60th Sale, March 29, 1912, lot 146, with Ryder's ticket also accompanying this lot.~~

Obverse of the first with small rim cud over first N, reverse with tiny breaks in upper left field; ~~states of the second uncertain.~~



ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

130. 1786 Connecticut Copper. Miller 5.7-H.1. Low Rarity-5. 122.2 grains. Fine, the obverse high in that grade level, the reverse a bit weaker, as struck. Decent example overall, the obverse legends full and mostly strong, the reverse ones nearly full, but with some letters a bit fuzzy; the date is mostly indistinct. Nice design detail for the grade. Pleasing medium brown surfaces that have a few insignificant striate, but which are rather hard and a bit glossy, and no post striking damage other than honest wear. A very scarce variety, and one that does not really appear too often in higher grades and seemingly not known above EF (with several VF's solidly in the Condition Census); this is the nicest example that we've been able to handle in at least half a decade – and since we specialize in the state coinages, that can be taken as a telling comment on the variety! Priced right at just.....$89

This coin also boasts a rather rare pedigree, being one of the few duplicates sold from the collection of noted Connecticut specialist Jim Goudge

5.7-0.2

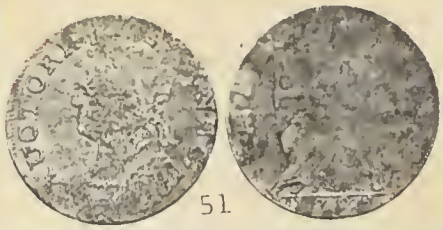
PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

51 **1786.** M. 5.7–0.2. R–6. Slightly less advanced state of the die break, ornamental base of shield broken away, B touches shield. **Sharpness of almost VF obv., Fine rev.,** usual uneven strike on a planchet so granular on devices (as made) as to obscure contours of hair and wreath. Only one better one reported, Miller's "VF–EF" in the Bowers list; this is believed to be the second one from the same source. **No auction records in recent years.** **(Photo) ($225.–300.)**

$160

$160

EAC'75



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1786 M 5.7-O.2

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

Probable Condition Census

FAIR FINE

TAYLOR

2368 1786 Connecticut. M 5.7-O.2. Mailed Bust Left. 131.9 grains. Rarity-6. F-12. Light golden brown surfaces, microscopically porous. Somewhat later obverse state, with rim breaks above CONNEC. Two gouges on reverse beneath L. Both dies clashed, some obverse letters appear incuse on reverse. Sharper than the Pine Tree/E.A.C. specimen, which was considered the second finest known. Both periods to the left and right of the cruciform set of four periods are visible, even without magnification. Rare with complete reverse punctuation.

Obtained from Mr. Henry Grunthal, 1945.

$220

KAGINS SALE #313 SEPT 29-30, 1978

1641. 1786 M 5.7-0.2. Rarity 6. Well advanced die break over "C", ornamental base of shield broken away. B touches shield. Unusual even strike for this variety as these were struck from rusted dies, (around face on rev); and on granular planchets. Sharpness of EF but overall, a pleasing **VF-30** in grade; Only 2 available in last 15 years; Miller plate coin VF EF from Bowers Aug 1972 list, and Pine Tree EAC coin at F+. This coin probably closer to **R-7** from frequency of appearance. 400. PLATE 200

1641

OK FINE

HALL

NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA' AUG 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

880 1786. Moiled bust l. M. 5⁷-O². RRR (R-5). Strictly Very Good. Rorely comes with punctuation visible. HALL SPECIMEN $7.50

OECHSNER

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

120-
625-

Lot No. 1050

D. MENCHELL

1050 **1786 Miller 5.7-O.2.** Mailed bust left. **(R-6).** 119.9 grains. **Fine,** full legends, all digits of the date visible. All six of the cross-shaped group of periods opposite Liberty's head can be seen without magnification. Reddish brown toning with three darker spots on the obverse. Even, glossy surfaces. A desirable example of this rarity.

$687.50

From the Virgil Brand Collection, earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection, with his edge markings.

5.7-0.2

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #14, APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.7-O.2 (R-5). Abt. Fine $109.00; VF-EF, some planchet striations on the obverse. From the Henry C. Miller Collection R.C.R. #14 APRIL, 1972 ..... 159.00

PAUL KAGIN LIST APR, 1984

1786 Copper M.B.L. M.5.7-0.2 Rarity 7-Struck from rusted dies and on a rough planchet Extremely fine as to wear but has some verdigris 245.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

[illegible] 1786 VF-/V Ro

5.[illegible]-0.2 1786 VF-/V Ro Planchet defects: heavy die

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

33) 1786 M.5.7-0.2 Very Good-10. Light scratches on obverse head. Reverse surfaces are lightly granular. Small clip at 11 o'clock.

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1847 1786. C. 5 (7)-0 (2). Rarity 5, G. 2 pcs. .90¢

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2621 275 **1786 M 5.7-O.2.** MBL. Low R-6. 133.3 gns. Technically Fine. Dark brown. Very granular, right reverse field corroded. Reverse punctuation illegible, no date; obverse nicked twice in center. Exact die states uncertain, obverse suggestively perfect! This variety is typically found in very low grades; Taylor:2368 and Oechsner:1050 were exceptional specimens. WORTH AG

CORRODED

The emission sequence for reverse O.2 is complex but appears to be approximately: 5.8-O.2 and 5.7-O.2, followed by 5.2-O 2, finally an additional quantity of 5.8-O.2.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

1786 MILLER 5.7-O.2

Probable High Condition Census 2ND OR 3RD FINEST

1100- NICE

Lot No. 954

TO JIM GOUDGE

954 **1786 M.5.7-O.2. MBL. Rarity 6** (possibly underrated, perhaps R-6+ is better). **Very Fine.** 131.8 gns. Nice, even olive brown. Micro granular but both surfaces appear hard and smooth to the naked eye. Very minor reverse rim nicks at 8:00, otherwise a flawless flan. Tops of all date numerals visible. Remnants of an old, square collector's label adhesive in the center of the obverse; round paper label with attribution number in center of reverse. "5.7-O.2" painted in yellowed white on left obverse field. Probable **High Condition Census:** finer than five of the seven we have recorded, including Oechsner:1050, Taylor:2368, the Picker Reference Collection coin (Coin Galleries July, 1992, lot 2621), the ANS specimen, and one seen in a private collection. The Ryder-Boyd Primary Collection coin grades higher than this. There are a few others we have not yet seen (Hall had seen nine by 1898). Obverse rim breaks over CONNEC, heavy break across throat; reverse NDE fading but the die unbroken.

$1,210

From the Hillyer Ryder F.C.C. Boyd Collection. Judging from the painted attribution possibly earlier ex Dr. Hall's collection

NO TICKET

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #41 JAN 5, 1986

13. 1786 Miller 5.7-0.2. Good-4, R-6. Weakness in legends, but decent. Rare variety. $50

5.7-O.2

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

LEGEND LETTERS ENTIRELY HAND CUT | P. 362 P. 362 | 1786 all obverse 5's except 5.3 1786 reverse O.2

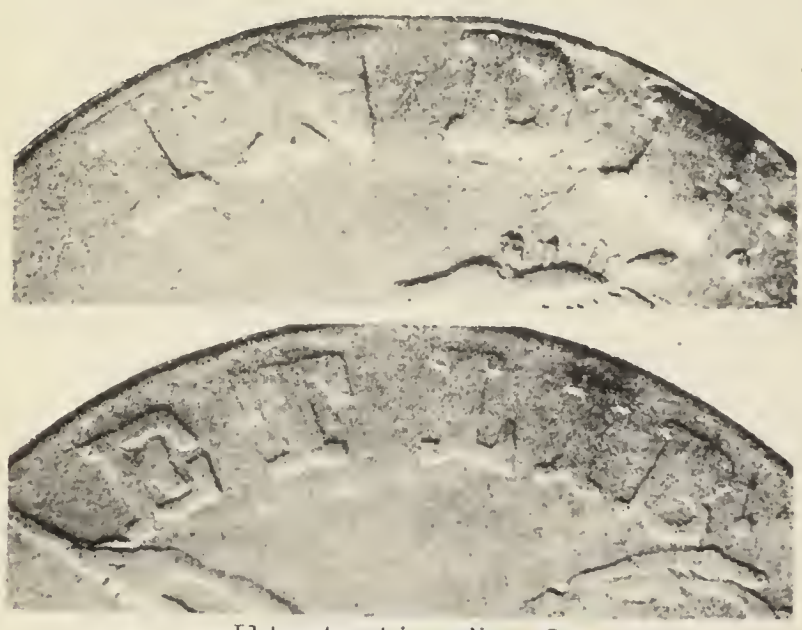

Illustration No. 8
INDE ET LIB from Rev. O.2 of 1786

After reviewing so many abnormalities of punch sunk letters, one must not conclude that all Connecticut coppers were produced from dies fashioned in this manner. Without a doubt some legends were entirely hand carved into the dies. Good examples of this category are the obverse 5's of 1786.
All but one of the thirteen members of this family have coarse, hand carved letters with irregularly clefted bases and grossly exaggerated serifs. Strong differences between the two adjacent "N's" in the twelve similar dies is one criterion alone to demonstrate that these letters were handcrafted. Reverse O.2 which is paired with obverse 5.2, 5.7 and 5.8 has exactly the same kind of letters, so all these dies must have been hand engraved by the same artisan. (See Illustration No. 8).

Obverse 5.3 is the odd ball in this particular family. It is entirely different from the other members, being sunk with a unique effigy punch called Hercules Head. It has uniform, unclefted letters which were obviously punch sunk without subsequent modification, yet this die has to be typed together with other obverse 5's because it is a mailed bust facing left, with two colons in the legend.

5.7-0.2

H. GARRETT LIST, NOV, 1987

1786, M 5.8-I, R6, MBL, ex EAC 75 (lot #52), red and brown AU or better 1650.00

5.8-F

PINE TREE 'EAC 75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

Superb M. 5.8-5-F

52 **1786.** M. 5.8-F. R-6. "Italic" colons, that after AUCTORI sloping crazily to right; cross in rev. legend. **About Unc. or better, lustrous light olive with traces of original mint red near wreath, rev. device and some letters;** usual uneven strike on a cracked planchet, old shallow dent on the crack near Ms. Liberty's head. Though there is original sharpness on devices, this coin is so unevenly struck that more than half of inscriptions cannot be read—not from wear but from never having been strongly enough impressed onto the blank to be visible. **Finest ever to come to auction, and one of three finest known, all from the Stepney Hoard.** Formerly considered an extreme rarity, but three in the hoard, two more impounded in ANS, and four worn ones in the Dr. Hall, Brand collections, blinded collectors for some years to the actual rarity of the variety. The only two ever auctioned were both badly worn— a Brand coin in New Netherlands 51st sale, and the Appleton–Mass. Historical Society example, lot 42. Ex Bowers list, 1972, at $495; earlier, ex Stepney Hoard, probably via T. L. Craige. **(Photo)** $675 **($400.-up)**

$675

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EAC '75

STEPNEY HOARD

GREEN PLATE

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988

2489 1786 Connecticut. M 5.8-I 1-15 Rarity 5 138.3 grains 278mm 180 Very little actual wear Grade is technical, reverse less sharp, obverse congruent Late reverse state the bulge now covers base of the shield and 86. A few new reverse scratches.

Purchased between 1913-1915

$154 SCRATCHES UNEVEN STRIKE NORWEB

PINE TREE "FUN '77" JAN 8, 1977

13 **1786.** Mailed Bust Left. **Miller 5.8-F.** (R-6) "Italic" colons. Rev. Cross in legend. **Few details VG, others Good,** weakly struck at r. affecting letters and 6. Miller attribution in white ink in obv. field Very rare, the only die with cross in legend

BOWER'S RCR #45 AUG, 1982 AT $1,125

D. MENCHELL

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW #44 JUNE, 1982

1786 Mailed bust left. Miller 5.8-F (R-6). Abt. Uncirculated with claims to full mint state. Lustrous light olive with traces of original mint red near wreath, reverse device lettering and other protected areas Struck boldly in the centers, but very weakly at the borders so that the legends are very faint Planchet split at lower obverse, as struck **One of three finest known,** from the Stepney Hoard (ca 1950). ~~sold by us in 1977 at $750, then~~ sold as Lot 52 of the 1975 EAC sale at $675 A prize item! 1250 00

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" OCT 18, 1975

FOURTH FINEST KNOWN

(490) 1786. **M. 5.8-F. (R-6)** Difficult to grade, this has **surfaces and some details of Very Fine,** King Conn.'s hair and Ms. Liberty's drapery details pleasingly sharp, but it is unevenly struck so that AUCT and IND cannot be read, some other letters weak; parallel planchet defects near borders. The striking quality recalls lot 52, our EAC sale. So far as we know, this is **fourth best known,** coming right after the three Stepney Hoard examples. **(Photo)** $150 **($200.-up)**

"Italic" colons, that after I sloping crazily to right; cross in rev legend

TAYLOR

490

$110

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MAR 27, 1987

(2369) **1786 Connecticut. M 5.8-F. Mailed Bust Left.** 131.4 grains. **High Rarity-5.** F-12. Dark golden brown, with some fairly heavy striations on the obverse. Imperfectly struck around the lower left portion of the obverse rim, and the corresponding portion of the reverse. Similar weakness was noted on the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen, and it is unlikely that both pieces were lightly struck in the same areas. More probably, a result of die damage than imperfect striking. Final digit of the date obscure, but legible nonetheless.

From Pine Tree's sale of the Elizabeth Morton Collection, October 1975, Lot 490

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE MARCH 27, 1987

2370 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.8-F. Mailed Bust Left.** 151.0 grains **High Rarity-5.** F-12. A second specimen, with virtually the same weakness as seen on the first. Where struck up, the surfaces are smooth, and a medium golden brown. Central figure of Liberty seated is quite sharply struck, with crisp detail, even beneath her left arm. The "strings" described by Miller are sharp enough here to show they are actually hair ribbons, resembling those on the obverse figure. Struck on a small, compact flan lending an authoritative weight to the piece. A nice specimen.

$110 TAYLOR

PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

509 **1786.** M. 5. 8-F (R-6). **Existing details of obv. VF, and rev. more like Fine.**

Most weaknesses are in the rather uneven strike which obscured UCTO and NN of obv. legend and most of INDE and LIB on rev. Date two-thirds on flan. The color of toned brass, some unevenness of rim and edge, as cut. See 1975 E. A. C. lot 52, a superb AU plus, at $675

$25

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

517 **1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.8-F (R-5).** Rare die variety. VF to EF from the standpoint of wear but the lack of definition (due to striking) gives it the ostensible overall aspect of a Very Good or Fine coin. Tiny planchet defect at border. One of the finest known specimens of 5.8-F.

35

5.8-F

HIGH CONDITION CENSUS 1786 MILLER 5.8-F

NEW NETH 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. I NO. 3

881 1786. Mailed bust l. M. 5⁸-F. RRR (R-5). Ex. Fine, some mint surface. Struck on usual defective flan. ~~HALL~~ $13.50

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

600-
2100-

Lot No. 1051

OECHSNER
EX. HALL
NICE ABT UNC
D. PARTRICK

1051 **1786 Miller 5.8-F.** Mailed bust left. **(High R-5). 137.4 grains. Choice About Uncirculated,** virtually Mint State. Soft strike at the upper head and matching area of the shield and globe on the reverse. Minor planchet defects, and slightly off-center with the bottom halves of CONNEC clear. **All other legends complete and sharp,** in contrast to both the Taylor and EAC coins. Full punctuation visible on both sides. Light olive brown toning, clearly faded from mint color; glossy surfaces. Not quite as sharp on the main devices as the EAC coin, but the lovely surfaces and full legends put it in the same class: High Condition Census, probably one of the three finest known. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$2,310-

From the Virgil Brand Collection; earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

BOWERS "SIPE-NESS SALE" JAN 26-28, 1984

382 Connecticut copper. This listing commences a brief but attractive series of Connecticut copper coins attributed to Miller's *The State Coinage of Connecticut*. 1786 *Mailed Bust Left*. Miller 5.8-F. Extremely Fine from the standpoint of actual wear. Lightly struck, with the center motifs sharp but with the peripheral letters indistinct or lightly defined. Date bold. One of the finest specimens to come on the market in recent years. Scarce in all grades. $115.50

BOWER'S 'ERZA COLE SALE' JAN 23-25, 1986

1188 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-F. 168.0 grains. Extremely Fine from the standpoint of *actual wear*. Lightly struck, with the center motifs sharp but with the peripheral letters indistinct or lightly defined. The date is bold. Struck slightly off center, as illustrated. One of the finest specimens to come on the market in recent years, this coin passed through our hands two years ago (see following note).

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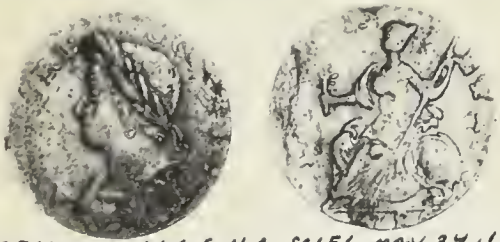
From our sale of the Sipe and Ness Collections, January 1984, Lot 382.



BOWER'S 'RUSSELL PATTERSON' MARCH 25-26, 1985

2631 ~~Group of Connecticut coppers for the specialist who appreciates the complexities in attributing these pieces to their respective die varieties.~~ [1786.] Fine/Very Fine. Struck on a porous planchet, with the reverse date off the flan. Possibly Miller 5.8-F; ~~1787 VG/F. Miller 13-D. Struck on a smooth planchet. There is a recent gouge across the figure's mailed shoulder; 1787 VF/F. Struck on a rough planchet, resulting in unclear diagnostics for the die combination. This piece may possibly be Miller 30-hh, Miller 33-T, or Miller 33-Z; 1787 VG. Miller 31.1-r.4; 1787 Fine. Miller 31.2-r.3.~~ (Total: 5 pieces)

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MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1115. 1786 Miller 5.8-F, Rarity 6. Fine, and possibly better. Both sides exhibit the characteristic peripheral weakness of this issue, yet the quality of the planchet is excellent. Specialists will appreciate the rarity of this issue in this grade. 158.4 grains.

80-

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

(34) 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.8–F (R–6) Double Struck! Date reads 17786. FINE–12, planchet clip at 11 o'clock, heavy planchet drifts. Condition census.

$70-

CONDITION CENSUS MILLER 5.8-F

SEE McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C & GRIFFEE SALE" OCT 21, 1995 LOT #128 AT $1900

DEFECTIVE FLAN
GOOD COLOR
ALSO DOUBLE STRUCK

$100-

LOT NO. 28

AMWEST V.I.P. SALE' NOV 19, 1991 WHT. 122.6 GRAINS DAVID MENCHELL

(28) 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M-5.8 - F (R-6). Very Fine. Only the second auction appearance for this rare variety. Lovely rich brown color but myriad planchet defects. Details clear where struck-up. "Italicized" colons — the prominent feature of this variety — visible. Once considered high R-7, but three nice specimens were uncovered in the Stepney Hoard. Those three coins and EAC 1975-52 are the only ones better than this.

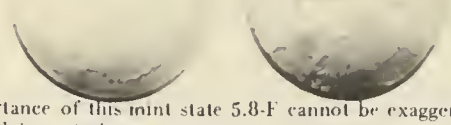
5.8-F

12 — 1786 M.5[8]–F. Good, weak near borders. Unlisted die failure at lower shield weakening 86. Very rare.

L. MERKIN SALE FEB 12, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.8-F (R-5). Fair $9.00; Uncirculated, with tinges of original mint red. Softly struck (as usual for this variety). The specimen in our *Review* No. 12 listing was just Fair! The importance of this mint state 5.8-F cannot be exaggerated. Here, indeed, is a priceless opportunity 495.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972



Superb 1786 Connecticut Copper

$467.50 R. MARTIN

BOWER'S "MURRAY, SWOPE ETC" SEPT 9-11, 1985

1386 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller-5.8-F. Uncirculated, again bordering on the *Choice* classification, at least in the reference frame of Connecticut coppers. Glossy brown surfaces with, believe it or not, a tinge of original mint red around the branch arm of the seated figure on the reverse. The striking, as is usual for this variety, is light at the borders, on this specimen particularly at the right obverse border and the corresponding right reverse border. Some planchet striae are evident.

Uncirculated Connecticut coppers are just about as rare as the proverbial hen's teeth. It may well be that an opportunity to acquire this variety in this state may never recur during your lifetime. Again, a major event for the connoisseur and specialist.

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.8-F. (R-5). Fair $9.00; Very Good "7 9/19 19.00

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1952

94 1786 Miller 5.8-F (R-5). 139.8 grains. About Good; ~~1787 Miller 41 ii (R 3). 144.3 grains. AUCTORI. Good.~~ 2 pieces.

99.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.8-F	1786	EF-/L	R6	Weak strike.
5.8-F	1786	VG+	R6	
5.8-5.8	1786	F-/G		Breckage
5.8-F	1786	P/VG	R6	Defective planchet.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

5.8-F 9419 (3.dmg) ABT GOOD

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1786 Copper VG 9.62g 180° Miller 5.8-F (R5)

ANA MUSEUM, 1989

1786 Copper VF (weak strike) 8.95g 180° Miller 5.8-F

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

34) 1786 M.5.8-F Very Fine, surfaces and color consistent although somewhat unevenly struck affecting ET LIB and date on reverse. Smooth mottled tans and browns.

35) 1786 M.5.8-F Very Good-Fine. Typical uneven strike affecting AUCTORI on obverse. Reverse evenly struck. Nice light brown flan.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

74 M. 5[8]-F ~~and 5[11]-R~~. First with cross after INDE; ~~second with hexafoil after INDE~~. Fair ~~and almost Fine~~, both upon severely defective or cracked planchets. Each variety RRR, the latter more so than the former. 2 Pcs. ($8.50)

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R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-5.8-F (R-6) Very Fine, many planchet defects (as made) 150.00

ROSA AMERICANA EPLM 8 SPRING, 1993

63 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.8-F. High Rarity-5 128.4 grains. Very Good, some details fully of the Fine level, but with the usual erratic strike associated with the variety (more than any other 1786 issue, this die pairing seems to come indifferently struck—even the three Stepney Hoard coins, one of which was in the EAC '75 sale and another of which we offered on our last price list, all had major peripheral weakness in areas). Still, over half the legends are visible on either side, and the central details are all actually quite strong. Clean medium brown planchet, with traces of a darker color on the obverse. There is a minute curved clip at K-8, which disturbs none of the legends. Not the highest grade piece in this offering, but a legitimately difficult variety to find in any grade—and almost never seen this cheap! $49

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1848 1786. C. 5 (8)-F. Good. .25

2099 1786. ~~C. 5 (11)-R, holed~~; and 5 (8)--F. VG. 2 pcs. .22

42 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-F. Rarity 5. Mailed bust left. Fair; 1 OF 2 PIECES

STACK'S "MASS. HIST SOCIETY SALE" MARCH 29, 1973

HENRY GARRETT LIST JUNE 18, 1983

1786 M5.8-F.R6.XF. Condition Census

425.00

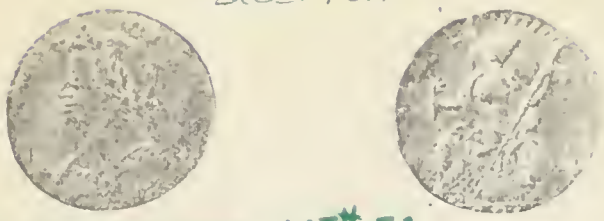
5.8-F

THE NUMISMATIST JAN, 1952 P. 21

Connecticut Coppers from the Fairfield County Hoard

STEPNEY HOARD

BREEN PLATE



SEE EAC'75 SALE LOT# 52

1786. Miller 5.8-F

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1987)

750 1786 Obv. dentils fine, rev. coarse; cross after INDE. Rare.

M. 5.8-F.

BREEN

EAC'75 SPECIMEN STEPNEY HOARD

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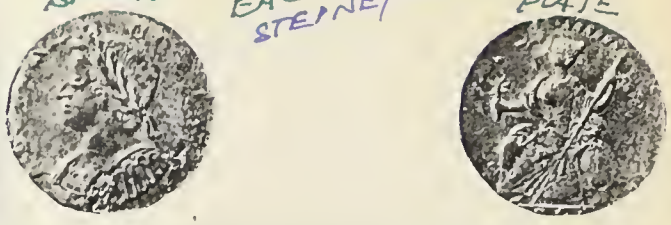


HENRY GARRETT LIST, SPRING, 1962

1786 Mailed Bust Left, "Italic Colons", M5.8-F, rarity 6, Ex EAC 1975 #52, 3rd finest known, red & brown unc. with some planchet cracks and date off of planchet, an exceptional piece for the specialist.....975.00

EX. ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 13 (1998) LOT# 159

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION 6-20-91

HESSBERG

50-
220-

Lot No. 1362

WHT. 135.8 GR

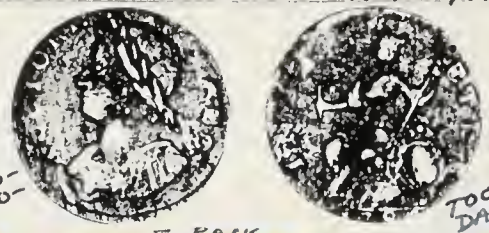
SOME LIGHT VERDIGRIS ON OBV. COLOR 50-50

1362 1786 Miller 5.8-F (High R-5). ~~186 grains~~. Mailed bust left, cross-shape stop on reverse made up of four dashes, Tall date, well centered between rim and exergue line. Glossy brown with a few pinpoint tiny laminations on obverse. Very Fine.

242.00

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST FALL, 1991 LOT# 33 AT $340.00 (PLATE)

BOWER'S "FRONTENAC SALE" NOV 20, 1991



150-
150-

J. ROCK

TOO DARK

331 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.8-F. VF-25. Rarity-5+. 145.2 grains. Dark gray-brown on both sides. Obverse struck slightly off center toward the upper left. Reverse planchet rough, flawed above shield States slightly earlier than Taylor:2369/70. AUCTORI on obverse and INDE on reverse still legible. Said to be from the Stepney hoard, one of only three of this variety contained therein. ??? BULLSHIT

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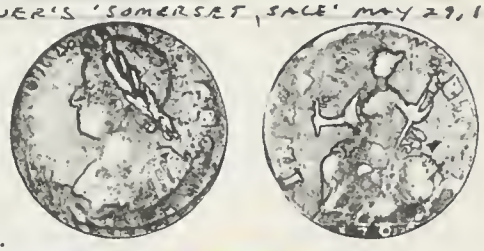
BOWER'S 'SOMERSET SALE' MAY 29, 1992



GOOD BK.

327 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.8-F. Mailed Bust Left. VF-25. Rarity-5+. 145.2 grains. Deep gray-brown on both sides. Struck slightly off center at 12:00 on the obverse, affecting just the tops of RI CO in that area. Die states slightly earlier than Taylor:2369/70, with AUCTORI on obverse and INDE on reverse still legible.

Said to be from the Stepney Hoard, one of only three of this variety contained therein. ? J-ROCK LIST.

ALSO ROSA AMERICANA LIST #6, 1992

ALSO ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7, 1992

1786 M.5.8-F BILL PEARSON

M.5.8-F	M.5.8-F
147.6 grains	147.6 grains

STRONG VERY FINE (30/40)

SMOOTH MAHAGONY BROWN

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION

1786 M.5.8-F

FINE

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST# 39 OCT, 1985

2. 1786 Mailed Bust Left. Miller 5.8-F, R-6. Fine-12. Heavily striated planchet as is often found. Else nice. ($65)

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST # 41 JAN 5, 1986

14. 1786 Miller 5.8-F. Fine-12, R-6. Very weak strike as usual. No detracting marks whatsoever. Rare. $165

5.8-F

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

*2622 192.00 **1786 M 5.8-F.** MBL. High R-5. 141.9 gns. Sharpness of Choice Very Fine given the usual weakness on NNEC and IB. Nice, deep olive brown. Light obverse flaws and pitting, heavier on reverse. Elsewhere, surfaces hard and semi-glossy. Full AUCTORI and INDE. Nicer than Taylor:2369/70, Norweb:2489, both ANS coins and the ANA specimen. Exceeded by Oechsner:1051 and an example ex Stepney Hoard in a private New York collection. Die states as Taylor:2369, earlier than the Norweb coin's. VERY FINE VERY DARK

2622

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

25/ 150/ 198.00

128. MI1 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.8-F MBL (High R-5) VF30 122.8 gns. Double struck on a very crude planchet which actually has appealing chocolate color and glossy surfaces where not effected by major flaws and striations. On the obverse the double strike is most apparent at the I and colon which is replicated significantly to the right of and lower than the initial strike. On the reverse the doubling results in a prominent second olive branch and overlapping shields as well as an overlapping of two dates that makes it appear as if this coin were dated 1778. While the central detail is sharp the legends are weak in part which seems common for the variety. The obverse is struck off center and low resulting in most of the left legend being lost. The reverse is struck a bit high squeezing the legends slightly while a massive flaw interrupts part of INDE. Circular clip at 10:00 obverse. Double strike aside this actually is among the better examples of this variety, although not among the finest known. Those include an AU in the 1975 EAC sale and another in Oechsner. It still might be considered near the bottom of the condition census. This coin once was in the collection of prominent Connecticut collector Robert Martin and was lot 28 from the 11/81 Amwest Numismatics auction, ticket included. Reverse not rotated.

SEE NEW ENG. "BUCKLEY COLL" JULY 23, 1976 LOT #
SEE AMWEST V.I.P SALE NOV 19, 1981 LOT # 28 @ 900-

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "C4 BARNES" OCT 12, 1996

197. 137.50 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.8-F MBL (High R-5) FT2 118.8 gns. Dark chocolate brown, both sides with microscopic porosity. The obverse has several small flaws, mostly at the rear of the effigy's neck with another on the reverse on Liberty's shoulder. Weakness at portions of the legends is the result of die damage, rather than wear or an uneven strike. On the obverse at least half of AUCTORI is lost with CON faint. The reverse lacks the top of IN. The same pattern of weakness can be seen on the 1975 EAC, the Taylor, and the Hessberg examples.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 6, 1996

2905 **1786 Connecticut Copper. M.5.8-F.** Mailed Bust Left. Very Fine, dark golden brown, granular, some verdigris.

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2112. 30/ 80/ 88/ **1786 M.5.8-F. MBL.** Technically Very Fine. High Rarity 5. 146.6 grains. Mottled brown and dark brown. Surfaces micro-granular. Obverse rim deeply nicked, flawed on E. Softly struck around the peripheries, date numerals mostly gone now, typical of the clashed states of the dies (cf. Norweb:2489, for example).

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

953 120.00 370.00 412.50 **1786** ~~M.5.4-O.1. MBL. Rarity 2. Technically Very Fine, very granular. 127.2 gns. Olive brown. Short flaw lower right reverse rim. Perfect die states;~~ ~~M.5.5-M. MBL. Rarity 3. Technically Very Fine but from the late states with consequent loss of design detail on both sides. 109.1 gns. Somewhat glossy brown, old corrosion products on reverse. Surfaces heavily flawed both sides;~~ **M.5.8-F. MBL.** High Rarity 5. Very Fine, shift double struck on a rough and flawed flan with nearly complete loss of peripheral detail. 167.7 gns. Surfaces elsewhere hard and somewhat glossy. An interesting coin with a satisfyingly heavy heft. Apparently from the perfect states of the dies. 3 pieces.

M & G AUCTIONS 'L. T. SMITH SALE' JAN 7, 1995

85. 57.50 1786 CONNECTICUT COPPER. M.5.8-F. Very Good. Dark brown with unnatural tan highlights. There are no major circulation marks, but the planchet is significantly flawed. There is a large clip centered at K2 on the obverse. The planchet is struck, and lightly rough in spots. Rarity 5.

BOWERS' "COMMODORE PERRY SALE" JAN 5, 1995

2237 66/ Trio of 1786 Connecticut coppers, ~~all Mailed Bust Left: ☆ M.5.4-O.1. VG-8. Rarity-2. 152.0 grains. Moderately off center on the obverse ☆ M-5.5-M. VG-8. Rarity-3. 113.4 grains. Faint obverse scratches~~ ☆ M 5.8-F. AG-3. Rarity-5. 132.1 grains. (Total: 3 pieces)

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

112. 100/ 180/ 198/ **1786 Connecticut coppers,** all MBL, all but one with Miller numbers painted on obverse in a clumsy hand: ~~M.4.1-G. R-2. Very Good, fairly smooth green. 134.7 gns. "4.1/G" together with "D"[uplicate] and [17]"86" painted in a fine hand on obverse; another. Very Good. 185.8 gns. Quite granular, reverse rough at right;~~ ~~M.6.2-1. R-3. Sharpness of Strong Fine in places, overall Very Good. Mottled brown and black, reverse corroded, clip at 6:00;~~ **M.5.8-F.** High R-5 (overrated, probably only R-3). Very Good, short flaws both sides, light brown. 4 pieces.

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

125. 30/ 150/ 165/ **1786 M.5.8-F. MBL.** High R-5 (probably overrated). About Fine. 150.8 gns. Brown, obverse flawed at top, reverse flawed and granular; ~~M.5.11-R. MBL. R-6. Nearly Fine. 123.9 gns. Mottled brown, reverse nearly two-toned.~~ 2 pieces.

5.8-F

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

42 ~~1786 M.5.7-H.1. MBL. Low R-5. Sharpness of Very Fine, dark, rough, granular, old obverse scratch. 132.5 gns. Hall attribution number painted in white on obverse. Die states as the preceding's;~~ **M.5.8-F. MBL.** High Rarity 5. Strong Fine, granular, light brown, deeply flawed on reverse. 157.1 gns. Die states uncertain. **2** pieces. R. MARTIN

80 / 130 / 143

~~The first apparently from the Chapman brothers in December 1894; round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot;~~ the second from Tom Elder's 60th Sale, March 29, 1912, lot 146, with Ryder's ticket also occampanying this lot.

~~Obverse of the first with small rim cud over first N, reverse with tiny breaks in upper left field;~~ states of the second uncertain

TL Elder's 60th Sale
Mar 29 1912
No 146
phr

1786 CONNECTICUT
5-8/F R5 Good

STACK'S BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

43 **1786 M.5.8-F. MBL.** High R-5. Very Good, rough, flawed. 131.1 gns. Olive brown. Hall attribution number painted on reverse; ~~**M.5.8-O.2. MBL.** High R-5 (revised). Very Good, rough, reverse very granular, obverse abrasions, dark brown. 116.9 gns.~~ **2** pieces.

70 / 76 / 82.50

~~The first with round card ticket with circle H, graded "Poor";~~ the second with Ryder's ticket annotated "H.C. Miller in Exchange Dec 1918". R. MARTIN

1786 Conn
5-8/F R5
Poor
(H)

5.8-F

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING, 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

A High Grade Miller 5.8-F

113 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-F. High Rarity-5. 113.8 grains. Extremely Fine or so. Well struck, especially for a variety that is notorious for erratic strikes [even the EAC '75 coin, from the famed Stepney Hoard, was near mint state but very weak around the peripheries]. This one has bold, full date and sharp legends that are complete except for the TO of AUCTORI and the IN of INDE which are obscured by a large planchet flaw at the edge of the coin at K-9, which was there before the piece was struck. Light olive brown surfaces, the obverse with some very light roughness in the left field, else smooth and hard. Other than the edge flaw, the piece is free of any sort of damage or defect, and in terms of sharpness must rank as one of the finest examples of the variety available. We note that the VF coin offered in Pine Tree's Elizabeth Morton sale was called the fourth finest known, which just underscores how difficult the variety is to find in nice grade. A pleasing example of this rare issue, and one that would fit in well with a high-grade variety collection of Connecticut coppers as the edge flaw actually adds a crude kind of charm to the piece.....$159

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

114 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-F, another. 126.8 grains. Fine to Very Fine, probably fully of the latter grade level, but with the usual erratic strike that this variety is famous for. Most of the legends are visible, though some letters are quite faint, as is the date. This is typical for the variety, and many extremely high grade examples [like the EAC '75 coin from the alleged "Stepney Hoard"] show no trace of the peripheral legends. The central design detail is easily of the VF level. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with a few shallow pockmarks, of no importance. The reverse is clean and free of any sort of damage. A pleasing example of a legitimately difficult variety, inexpensive at just.....$69

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SUMMER, 1994 FPL #9

110 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.8-F. High Rarity-5. 137.6 grains. Very Good or so from a wear standpoint, but with the usual strike associated with the variety. Most of the legends are weak, as is often found on even the highest grade examples [the 1975 EAC coin which was provenanced from the Stepney Hoard being a good illustration]. The central details are all quite sharp, and much of the detail on Ms. Liberty is around Fine in grade. The planchet is a pleasing medium brown and very clean for the grade. All in all, a pleasing and inexpensive example of one of the tougher varieties.....$39

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

101 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.8-F, another. 127.8 grains. About Good/Good, the obverse with no legends visible, the reverse with partial legends, no date. A well worn example, though free of damage or defect, and with more than enough diagnostics visible to make the attribution certain. It's also one of the most inexpensive R-5's you can hope to find!.....$19

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

100 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.8-F. High Rarity-5. 149.1 grains. Fine/Very Fine, probably fully of the latter grade, but with the erratic strike that the variety has become famous for. This one has certainly fared better than most. CON is weak on the obverse and LIB and the last two digits of the date are weak on the reverse, the rest of the legends are present, ranging from visible to quite strong. The central details, especially on the reverse, are strong. Attractive, somewhat glossy medium brown color, with a darker toning streak on either side. Quite attractive, especially as the surfaces are clean and defect-free. A most difficult variety to find in any grade, and impossible to find fully struck. The '75 EAC coin which was from the legendary [apochryphal?] Stepney Hoard, was near mint state but had a worse strike than this. This is an example that the specialist will not be able to upgrade anytime soon!.....$149

5.8-F

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

EX HESSBERG

AN EXTREMELY CHOICE MILLER 5.8-F

From the Infamous Stepney Hoard of Connecticut Coppers?

balderdash!

EX STACK'S "HESSBERG" SALE LOT # 1362 6/19/91 AS VF AT $220—

159. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-F. High Rarity-5. 135.5 grains. About Uncirculated. An extremely sharp example of a variety that often comes weak or erratically struck. This one has bold, full legends and a sharp date, the latter almost unheard of for the variety. Even better, the central details are razor sharp, including hair, male and facial features on the obverse and drapery, branch and ornament detail on the reverse. The coin itself is a light chocolate brown color, with surfaces that are hard and EXTREMELY glossy. The obverse is slightly off center towards K-7, which affects just the very tips of AUC. There is some very light roughness in the right obverse field, which is more than compensated for by the color and surfaces. The reverse is glossy with a vengeance and completely free of any sort of damage or defect. Certainly one of the finest examples known of this variety, and nicer than just about anything to appear at auction in recent years. In Walter Breen's manuscript detailing the varieties found in the Stepney Hoard, he notes that three examples of Miller 5.8-F were included in that group, one of which as mentioned went into the collection that was sold as part of the EAC '75 sale. Breen's notes give the weights of the Connecticut's as well, and we find the second coin from the Stepney Hoard weighing in at "134 ½" grains – the few pieces that have been compared to Breen's weights have all been off from 1-3 grains in weight, which means that this example is ~~PROBABLY FROM THE STEPNEY HOARD~~ as well. Breen specifically notes that all three pieces from the Hoard were "poorly and unevenly struck but otherwise in superior preservation," a description that seems to fit this coin like a glove. That, and the similarity of the given weights as well as the absence of any other contenders in this weight range and condition all add to the probability of linking this piece with the Hoard – and the quality of the coin certainly seems to be similar to the few that we have seen, absorbed into large private holdings of this issue. Regardless of pedigree, though, this coin will certainly rank as one of the finest known examples of a most difficult variety. The EAC '75 coin was a full Uncirculated and from the Stepney Hoard, while the Brand-Hall-Oeeshner piece was a Choice AU [not from the Stepney Hoard] and sold for $2310 in spirited bidding; everything else offered has been in distinctly lower grade – Taylor's was just VF [from the Elizabeth Morton sale], as was the piece in the Picker Reference Collection, while Norweb's was just a Fine! A fantastic opportunity for the Connecticut specialist, and one that will not be repeated anytime soon!.....$899

The next issue of The Colonial Newsletter will contain a wonderful article on the Stepney Hoard by Dr. Phil Mossman, which prints Breen's full text for the first time. This cataloguer and Michael Hodder offer opposing viewpoints for the story of the Hoard, and we suspect that the issue will be debated in numismatic circles for some time to come.

5.8-H.2

PINE TREE' EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

53* **1786.** M. 5.8—H.2. High R–6, nearly R–7. Same obvious breaks through shield and INDE. Usual uneven strike, **some details Fine, others more like VG,** dark, with some old shallow obv. nicks. Only one auction record—New Netherlands 51st, somewhat sharper on a poor rough planchet. **(Photo)** **($225.–up)** $160

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC'75

53

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

DR. HALL FINEST

HESSBERG TINY DEFECTS NICE AU

600- 1600- $1,760.00

Lot No 1363

A. TERRANOVA

1363 **1786 Miller 5.8-H.2** (High R-5). 117 grains. Mailed bust left, obverse totally detailed, reverse unusually bold but a trifle less detailed. Smooth, reflective surfaces with one or two tiny lamination spots. Delightful even brown. Among the finest known, **Mint State** or virtually so. NICE AU+

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

CURVED CLIP

← NICKS

TAYLOR

2371 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.8-H.2. Mailed Bust Left.** 140.9 grains. **High Rarity-5. VF-20 or better.** Sharper than either the New Netherlands 51st (June, 1958) or the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimens, and near, if not in, the Condition Census for the variety. Two rim clips at 1:00 and 5:00 on the obverse. Rich golden brown, with typical microscopic porosity. No serious planchet flaws or striations.

$154

Purchased from Mr Henry Grunthal, probably in the middle to late 1940s, for $1

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

(211) **1786 M.5.8-H.2.** (High R-5). **140.9 grains.** Rich golden brown with touches of red on the fields. Well centered, only the 1 of the date not visible. A pleasing specimen, in or close to Condition Census for the variety. Extremely Fine, two small rim clips. VF 20 NICKS

962.50 875 875

Ex Henry Grunthal, ca. 1946; Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 27, 1987, lot 2371). AT 154.00

(211)

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2372 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.8-H.2. Mailed Bust Left.** 137.4 grains. **High Rarity-5. F-12. Dark and uniformly porous.** Reverse appears to have been filed. A duplicate of the preceding, about in the same die state.

$55

X

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

$30

548 **1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.8-H.2 (R-5).** Very rare variety. **Very Fine.** Some old scratches.

1786 Connecticut Miller 5.8-H.2

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980

(See Color Photo)

$350

GARRETT

RED BOOK PLATE (1982)

SEE MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997 LOT # 153 (PLATE)

1348 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-H.2.** 144.4 grains. **Rarity-5 or perhaps even R-6.** A beautiful **Extremely Fine** specimen which is far finer than any of the few specimens examined by Richard Picker or ourselves despite the few minor planchet defects that affect no important details. Perfectly centered obverse. The reverse is ever so slightly off center which cuts off the bottom of the date. A very sharp strike except for the foot of the seated figure. Glossy light brown surfaces. An extremely important coin for the die variety specialist.

OPEN $120 — SOLD $350 —

From the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby

5.8-H.2

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" COLL. OCT 18, 1975

491 1786 M. 5.8—H.2. **(Nearly R-7) Fine, obv. stronger than rev.**, die failures weaken LIB; unusually free of planchet defects, nicks or scratches; very slight mint clip opposite end of bust; base of date off flan. This **finer than lot 53, our EAC sale**, at $160, or that in New Netherlands 51st sale. **We have not seen one really choice.** **($125.-175.)**
$30-

Same obv., obvious breaks through INDE

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

OK/NICE XF 45 W/ONLY DEFECT BETTER THAN PLATE

D. PARTRICK

OECHSNER

$200-
$1,300-

Lot No. 1052

1052 **1786 Miller 5.8-H.2.** Mailed bust left. **(High R-5).** 143.6 grains. **Extremely Fine,** a planchet defect on the lower part of the wreath and its ribbon, and slight granularity at the upper obverse. Top of the 1 in the date obliterated by a die break; other die breaks through INDE. A rather well centered specimen with full legends and date. Medium brown and walnut toning. Much sharper detail than the EAC or Taylor coin, probably in the Condition Census.
$1,430-

One of The Finest Known

PINE TREE "EAC '76 SALE" MARCH 5, 1976

2106 **1786.** Mailed bust left. **M. 5.8—H.2. (High R-6) Basically better than VF, excellent sharp strike,** but buried long ago and has acquired a partly rough dark brownish red patina; many tiny lamination defects in planchet as made. Much sharper than that in New Netherlands 51st sale, or EAC 53 at $160, or lot 491, Elizabeth Morton sale; amazingly, **one of the finest known! (Photo)** **($150.-175.)**
$55-

"Italic" colons, that after I sloping crazily r., no ornament after first rev. colon; breaks through INDE but not through shield (unusual).

2106

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1116. 1786 Miller 5.8-H.2. Rarity 6. Fine. A gorgeous tan example with some light planchet fissures (as made) on either side. Overall, probably better than the 1975 EAC Auction example. 137.9 grains.
70-

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 10, 1991

3675 **1786** M.5.8-H.2 (High R-5). Mailed bust left. Off center with part of CONNEC: off the planchet; ET LIB close to the reverse rim. Dark brown, generally smooth and attractive. **Very Fine.**
286.00

D. LINETT SALE JUNE 21, 1983

42 1786, 5.8-H.2, R-6, Very Fine-30, M.B.L., well struck on a better flan. Medium to chocolate brown in color. Excellent type specimen not far off grade from Garrett lot 1348..... 350.

HERITAGE SALE' AUG 11-14, 1983

1105 1786 Connecticut VERY FINE (35) Miller 5.8-H.2. (R-5). M.B.L. Deep olive. Unevenly struck; some details are fully Extremely Fine while some are more like a low-end VF. ORI: is obliterated as is the date; other details show remarkable clarity. According to our records, this is the **finest known**. Only two specimens besides this have ever been auctioned; NN 51' 75 and 1975 EAC: 53. Needless to say, rare.
75-
FAIR

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 26, 1990

1786 M 5.8-H.2

60-
150-

1161 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.8-H.2.** Mailed Bust Left. 149.7 grains. **Rarity-5+.** VF-20. Deep golden brown. Obverse and reverse surfaces bear many planchet flaws, mostly horizontally linear. Miller number painted in yellow in the left obverse field. Softly struck at the top of the reverse, Liberty's head obscure. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2371.
$165-

Ex Henry Chapman stock. Envelope accompanies this lot.

5.8-H.2

TOO WEAK DEFECT

250-

Lot No. 435

STACK'S SALE OCT 18-21, 1988

250-
250

435 — 1786 Mailed bust left. Lovely reddish chocolate, the obverse stronger than the reverse. A pitmark on the 1 of the date. A lovely specimen. **Extremely Fine.**

5.8-H.2

5.8-H.2

NICE XF40
GOOD COLOR

Lot No. 188

$715

STACK'S SALE' SEPT 9-11, 1987

(188) 1786 Mailed bust left. M.5.8-H.2 (High R-5). Extremely Fine, reddish brown patina. Substantially sharper than the Taylor specimen, and free of clips (though it has a line of planchet defects at upper left reverse field). Slight natural porosity at central obverse. If the Taylor coin in Very Fine was nearly in Condition Census, this should surely be included in that list.

$715

BOWER'S 'MURRAY, SWOPE ETC' SEPT 9-11, 1985

OK

110-120

1805 1786 Connecticut. Miller-5.8-H.2. Bust facing left. Nice Very Fine. As usual with this variety, the legends are not complete, due to the small size of the planchet. The upper part of the date numerals can be seen. Medium brown planchet with truly *microscopic* granularity. A few scattered traces of olive and green.

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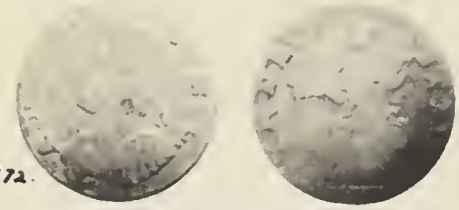

BOWER'S
RCR #14
APRIL, 1972.

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.8-H.2 (R-5). An unusual opportunity to select from two beautiful specimens: F-VF $119.00; Very Fine . 149.00

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW NO #19, FEB, 1974

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.8-H.2 (R-5). Rare variety. F-VF $119.00; Very Fine 149.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.8-H.2. (R-5). Fine . RCR #. 9/70. . . . . 59.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.8-H.2 1786 VF/VF R6+ Planchet defects - two

5.8 H.2 1786 F+/F+ R6+

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

5.8-H.2 6228 (20) VERY FINE (20)

NEW NETHERLANDS 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

330 1786. Mailed bust l. M. 5[8]-H[2] (Rarity 5). Average Fine. Dark, somewhat rough and abraded, the reverse with old, light horizontal scratches.

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1 OF 2 PIECES OTHER 5.9-Q

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.8-H.2
FINE TO VERY FINE (FINE+)

5.8-H.2

BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24-26, 1985

2314 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-H.2. Bust facing left. Fine or better obverse, Very Good reverse. With the Miller number inked in the field, a practice of old-time numismatists (the inking is easily removable with acetone and would leave no trace, if desired).

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2623 49.50 **1786 M 5.8-H.2.** MBL. High R-5. 161.4 gns. Technically Very Good. Light olive brown and black. Granular and rough on both sides. Die states as Taylor:2371. This variety is usually found in grades lower than Very Fine. ABOUT GOOD UNEVEN

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

36) 1786 M.5.8-H.2 Very Good. Dark olive green with planchet crack across reverse. (No Provenance)

37) 1786 M.5.8-H.2 Abt. Very Fine. 5% off center affecting tops of AUCTORI on obverse, and most of ET LIB on reverse. Medium olive brown with devices highlighted.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#8 SPRING, 1993

64 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.8-H.2. High Rarity-5. 155.1 grains. Very Good or so, evenly rough on either side, which obscures some of the detail, though most of the legends are complete. Unattractive, but a very inexpensive example of this scarcer variety which is seldom seen in any grade! $14

"50" lightly penciled on the reverse side, meaning unknown

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

75 1786. Mailed bust l. **M. 5⁸-H².** About Very Fine; boldly and clearly struck on a poor, rough planchet which cracked presumably at striking. Minor chip-like rim scrape below date on reverse. Actually, better than it sounds. Another RRR variety, more so than either of the preceding. All of these are R-5 on the Miller scale, which means—usually—**Rarity 7,** Sheldon scale. **($15.00)** 7.-

STACK'S 'H. OECHSNER SALE' SEPT 9, 1988

1218 1786 Miller ~~5.7-H.1~~, 5.8-H.2, ~~1787 Miller 33.10-Z.8~~. All are **High R-5.** ~~The first is Very Fine with hairlines on the reverse. Deep brown and olive, date no longer visible~~. The second is Fine, lightly porous from a cleaning. ~~The third, Very Fine, has deep red obverse and lovely rich golden brown reverse. An old Henry Chapman envelope accompanies the first piece~~. 3 pieces. AT $247.50

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

69 **1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.8-H.2. Mailed Bust Left. High Rarity 5. 138.2 grains. Very Fine,** but once carefully cleaned long ago, and now retoned to a very natural and attractive appearance. There are a couple of light edge nicks. An extremely scarce variety.....$129

EX. STACK'S 'OECHSNER SALE' LOT # 1218 SEPT 8-9, 1988 1 OF 3 PIECES

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NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

35 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.8–H.2 (R–6) ALMOST GOOD–3, dark; ~~Mailed Bust Left M #5.9–Q (R–6) GOOD–4, deep planchet drifts~~. (Lot of 2 pieces). $20.-

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-5.8-H.2M Fine, somewhat granular surfaces 75.00

BOWER'S 'CHRIS SCHENKEL SALE' NOV 14, 1980

1786 M5.8-H.2

The Miller Sale Specimen

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1846 1786. C. 5 (8)-H (2). VG. 2 pcs. .33

2098 1786. ~~C. 5 (5) M.~~ and 5 (8) H (2) VGood lot. 3 pcs. .22

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST NOV, 1990

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121 **1786 Miller 5.8-H.2** (High R-5). Mailed bust left. Off center with part of CONNEC: off the planchet; ET LIB close to the reverse rim. Dark brown, generally smooth and attractive. **Very Fine.** $250.00

200.- 200.- 220.00

5376 **1786 Connecticut copper. M5.8-H.2. Mailed Bust left.** 137.5 grains. Rarity-5+. **VF-20.** Tiny edge clip, visible at 1:00 on the obverse, as the Taylor specimen. Reverse rough, worn on the high points. Dark brown-black on both sides. Die states equivalent to Taylor:2371/2.

Ex Thomas Elder sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection (May 29, 1920), Lot 1846. Called there "Very good."

MIKE RINGO LIST, NOV, 1993

1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.8-H.2. A nice Fine, medium brown and well-centered. Probably VF by wear, but a shallow strike as is typical on many of the Bust Left pieces..... 75.00

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979?

1786 Mailed Bust Left, M. 5.8-H.2, (Hi R-6) a nice strong Good...20.00

5.8-H.2

STACK'S SALE SEPT 5, 1983

ROTATED DOUBLE STRUCK REV. ONLY

120-
425-

Lot No. 956

TO JIM GOUDGE

VF STRIAE

956 **1786 M.5.8-H.2. MBL.** Another. High Rarity 5 for the variety. Technically Very Fine. 148.9 gns. Mostly deep orange-brown. Surfaces lightly flawed. Dramatically **rotated double struck.** Obverse with outline of the edge of the planchet fed into the dies before this piece had been removed. Reverse with boldly doubled hand and branch, remains of a second shield and pole arm. Probably **High Rarity 6** for the error and the first we have recorded for the variety. This coin chattered in the dies but only the reverse received a secondary impression, rotated about 30 degrees left.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN "DOOLEY" JAN 11, 1997

022. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.8-H.2 MBL HIGH R5 F15. 130.6 gns. Olive brown with faintly granular surfaces that appear relatively smooth. There is a cluster of minor striations on the obverse at the right edge from about 2:00 down. The reverse has a small void flaw at the right elbow of the pole arm. This variety was missing from some recent significant sales and is not much weaker than the Taylor coin which was then a candidate for Condition Census. Certainly above average for this rare variety.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 8, 1983

955 **1786 M.5.8-H.2. MBL.** High Rarity 5. Very Fine and ~~Choice~~, nearly Extremely Fine. 127.9 gns. Even olive brown. Micro granular but both surfaces appear hard and smooth to the naked eye. Very minor roughness in the centers on both sides. Obverse and reverse tight on flan, tops CON, LIB run off to edge. Very close to the Condition Census for the variety. Obverse die perfect; reverse broken through INDE, thin break in shield.

170-
400-
440-

From Thomas Elder's June 16, 1910 sale, lot 441; to Hillyer Ryder, thence to F.C.C. Boyd. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

NOT CHOICE JUST OK

955

BOWER'S 'M.H.S. SALE' NOV 18, 1994

3193 **1786 M 5.8-H.2. Mailed Bust Left. F-12. High Rarity-5.** 127.9 grains. A scarce variety. Sharpness approaches a higher grade in many areas, but microscopically porous and lightly fissured, particularly on the reverse. Olive-brown surfaces with golden toning highlights on the high points.

88-

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

126 **1786 M.5.8-H.2. MBL.** High R-5. Fine to Very Fine, a fairly attractive example of this scarcer variety. 135.5 gns. Pale brown, some surface granularity, minor obverse scratch.

70-
120-
132-

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

127 **1786 M.5.8-H.2.** Another. About Fine. 154.3 gns. Pale brown, attempted holes, reverse flaws; ~~**M.5.9-B.1. MBL. R-6.** Nearly Very Good to Fine. 145.8 gns. Pale brown, reverse flawed through right. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse~~. 2 pieces.

75-
90-
88-

EAN (D. LINETT) MAIL BID SALE AUG 29, 1992

1034 **1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.8-H.2, Fine.** Glossy, medium brown surfaces. Attractive to eye. ..... (100-175)

5.8-H.2

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#10 SPRING, 1995

102 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.8-H.2. High Rarity-5. 153.4 grains. Close to Very Fine from a wear standpoint, the centers just a tad weaker than that grade level. Struck slightly off center so that the tops of CON and most of the date are off the planchet. The color of this piece is just about the best that we've seen on any Connecticut copper—a slightly glossy, light golden brown that is much nicer than the usually seen dull darker brown. There are a few light handling marks on either side, though nothing all that serious and none that detract much from the overall eye appeal of this pleasing specimen. A truly choice example of a scarcer variety that is just not found in much higher grades. WAS $99.....NOW $79

1786 M.5.8-H.2 Very Fine(20). Sharpness of very fine. Evenly struck. Reddish brown patina with some traces of green verdgris around periphery. Possibly low condition census. WHT. 152.8 GR. A. TERRANOVA 3/25/82 - R. MARTIN 3/3/87 - D. MITUZAS

5.8-H.2

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD CY SALE NOV 8, 1997

BEAUTIFUL 1786 M.5.8-H2

EX SYLVESTER SAGE CROSBY

EX GARRETT #1348

RED BOOK PLATE COIN (1982)

1300-
1450-
1595-

A. TERLANOVA

153. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.8-H.2 MBL (High R-5) EF40 144.4 gns. A beautiful coin with an impeccable provenance. This is the Garrett coin, which previously resided in the collection of Sylvester S. Crosby. It is boldly struck with light brown glossy surfaces. Where unflawed the surfaces are hard. The obverse has few flaws, the most notable is between O and R, and it is nicely centered. The reverse is struck slightly low with the bottom of the date off the planchet. Flawed at the L of ET - LIB, with a few smaller ones scattered about, mostly unobtrusively. This coin is completely free of post striking damage. It is now considered to rank third in the condition census, behind the uncirculated ex Hall/Hessberg coin, lot 1363 from Stack's 6/91 sale, and behind the flawless EF Oechsner coin. The only other coin near this in quality was the about EF lot 955 from Stack's 9/93 sale. A lovely coin, an important coin, and one that provides a direct link to The Early Coins of America.

B&R 10/80 Garrett Collection Part III lot #1348 ticket provided with this lot.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

162. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-H.2. High Rarity-5. 120.2 grains. Very Good or so, somewhat erratically struck, as often found for the variety. The obverse has all the legend save AUC, while the reverse is weak at the date and first letter of each word. Central details vary from Good to VG sharpness, as struck. Medium brown surfaces with some light roughness but no real damage, making for a pleasing well-circulated example. A difficult variety to find in any condition, this is the first that we've been able to offer since the example on our Ninth and Tenth price lists $49

5.8-H.2

5.8-O.2

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

54* 1786, M. 5.8—O.2. High R-4, possibly R-5. **Obv. Fine or better,** pale steel, comparatively well struck and unusually clean for this issue. Rev. probably no more worn than obv., but many details of devices obscured by planchet granularity as made. Finer than lot 54, Dr. Ruby coll., and no other auctioned in some years. Apparently ex Bowers list, Aug. 1972, as "About Fine." **(Photo)** **($80.–110.)** $55

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TAYLOR

2373 1786 Connecticut. M 5.8-O.2. Mailed Bust Left. 91.5 grains. High Rarity-4. F-12. Dark brown surfaces with lighter devices. Struck slightly off center on both obverse and reverse. Otherwise, smooth surfaces with no gross irregularity. Second O and neighboring portion of the denticles broken by a piece of wire coming between the planchet and the obverse die. $121 X

Obtained from Richard Picker 1958

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' MARCH 25, 1988

2490 1786 Connecticut. M 5.8-O.2. VF-20. Rarity-4 161.5 grains. 27.8mm. 205 . Smooth, "wood-grain" obverse; reverse striations at the base. Reverse state late, bulge over head This does not appear on Taylor: 2373, but is on a 5.2-O.2 (Taylor: 2357), so this reverse die was being used with both obverses simultaneously $154

Purchased between 1913-1915. X SCRATCH NORWEB

STACK'S 'OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

90-
210-

OK FINE

Lot No 1053 DATE PARTLY OFF FLAN OECHSNER

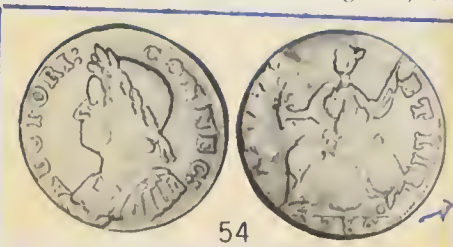
1053 **1786 Miller 5.8-O.2.** Mailed bust left. (High R-4). 133.0 grains. **Fine,** somewhat soft strike, with natural planchet roughness in a few places. Golden brown toning, a large die bulge at the upper reverse. Complete legends, lower part of the date off the flan. $231

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF-COLL' JULY 22, 1992

2624 **1786 M 5.8-O.2.** MBL. High R-4. 131.3 gns. Technically Choice Fine. Deep golden brown and black. Obverse striated, some pitting at upper right. Obverse perfect; heavy reverse failure over and to left of head. This variety is typically found in Very Good-Fine condition. Exceptional pieces include one of the ANS specimens, Extremely Fine (the other is Very Good-Fine), and our February, 1982 sale example (ex 1952 ANA). Choice Very Fine and now owned by a New York specialist. $71

G/VG OBV. STRIATIONS

The emission sequence for reverse O.2 is complex but appears to be approximately: 5.8-O.2 and 5.7-O.2, followed by 5.2-O.2, finally an additional quantity of 5.8-O.2



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SUPERIOR'S "DR. RUBY COLL" FEB 11, 1994

54 1786 Mailed bust left, standard type. Miller 5.8—O2, late die state after the bulge destroyed the ornament after INDE:. **Almost Fine,** smooth, medium steel. PHOTO $65

R. MARTIN 4/19/87 – D. MITUZAS

BOWER'S "R.P. ARIAGNO SALE" JAN 24-25, 1990

857 1786 Connecticut. Mailed bust left, Miller 5.8-O.2. VG-8 or better, very attractive dark brown with blue-gold overtones. Ex Ruby, Lot 54. WHT. 141.2 GRAINS $50 $50-

5.8-0.2

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982 R. MARTIN

119 1786 Mailed Bust Left. M.5.8-0.2. Reverse slightly off-center, so that date is half off the planchet. Otherwise a nice type piece with an excellent pedigree: Ex Hall Collection; later 1952 A.N.A. sale (envelopes included). Very Fine. OK WHT. 118.5 GRAINS

$170

PAUL KAGIN LIST APR, 1984

1786 M B.L M5 8-0.2 Rarity 6 Very good obverse & fair reverse 50 00

HALL

NEW NETHERLAND'S 1786 5.8-0.2 1952 ANA SALE AUG 16-19, 1952

2406 Connecticut Cents. 1786. Mailed bust l. ~~Also, 1787. Draped bust l. Last struck twice with two entirely separate die impressions. Abt. Fine.~~ Unusual pair, the second should be seen. Ex Hall, Brand colls. 2 Pcs.

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ROBERT MARTIN COLLECTION

BOWER'S 'ERZA COLE SALE' JAN 23-25, 1996

1189 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.8-O.2. 126.9 grains. Very Fine-20. A pleasing specimen, one which could probably be called VF-30 without fear of contradiction. Medium brown planchet. Even striking on all areas, incuding the central portions of the seated figure on the reverse. A far, far above average example of this issue.

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RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.8-O.2 (R-3). Not in our *Review* No. 12 offering. Listed as Rarity 3, but possibly scarcer — for we cannot recall having had another within the past year. Abt. Fine .. 45.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #5 MAY, 1970

1786 Mailed bust left. (5.8–O.2) EF R.C.R. #5 MAY, 1970 .... 47.50

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #6 SPRING 1992

25 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5 8-0 2 High Rarity-4 116 6 grains. Very Good Evenly worn, though most of the legends are visible There are the usual small handling marks, expected of the grade, on both sides The color is a rich golden brown, and, even though the piece is low grade, it certainly has a lot of eye appeal $24

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.8-0.2 1786 VF-/F R4+ Verdigris both sides; slight

5.8-0.2 1786 EF+/E R4+ Weak strike. roller marks.

D. LINETT (SAN DIEGO SHOW) OCT 14-15, 1988

1247 ~~1785 &~~ 1786 CONNECTICUT ~~LOT of FIVE. Includes: 1785, M 3.4 F.1 (VG) & M 6.3 G.1 (VG) and 1786, M 4.1 G (VG) - M 5.3 N (Hercules Head) (Porous G+ with a split planchet)~~ & M 5.8-O.2 (VG recolored). ~~Sold "as is" as a lot, no return.~~ (5 coins).....(100-200)

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5.8-0.2 9455 (5) GOOD(5)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN. 1955

38) 1786 M.5.8-0.2 Extremely Fine. Some light porosity at obverse figures head. Reverse slightly off center resulting in bottom half of date being off flan. Smooth chestnut brown.

39) 1786 M.5.8-0.2 Very Good to Fine. Details more like Fine. Some light grafitti scratches on obverse field and planchet roughness at reverse center. Olive green patina. (No Provenance)

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1849 1786. C. 5 (8)-0. (2) Fine. Rare. 1.10

5.8-0.2

COIN GALLERIES' PERKINS DUPS APRIL 14, 1983

1975 1786 ~~M.4.1-G. Mailed Bust Left. Net Very Good. Rarity 2. 125.2 gns. Gray-brown. Lightly granular. Small clip. Acceptable for the grade; another.~~ Near ~~basal state. 133.8 gns. Brown. Striated~~; **1786 M.5.8-O.2. MBL.** Fine/Very Good. **Rarity 6** (corrected). 143.4 gns. Orange-brown. Verdigris spots both sides. Obverse damaged. Reverse swelling to left of head. "High Rarity 4" is much too low for this variety (if M.5.9-B.1 is R-6, then so is this!); ~~**1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL.** Very Good/Fine. Low Rarity 6. 111.9 gns. Brown. Striated. Off-center both sides; **1786 M.5.11-R. MBL.** Fine. Low Rarity 6. 126.2 gns. Golden-brown. Once cleaned. Pitted; **1786 M.5.14-S. MBL.** Net About Good. **Rarity 6.** 125.3 gns. Dark. Pitted. Scratched. "Sword" not visible.~~ **6** pieces.

THE BIZARRE LETTERING OF CONNECTICUT COPPERS

LEGEND LETTERS ENTIRELY HAND CUT | P. 362 P. 362 | 1786 all obverse 5's except 5.3 1786 reverse O.2

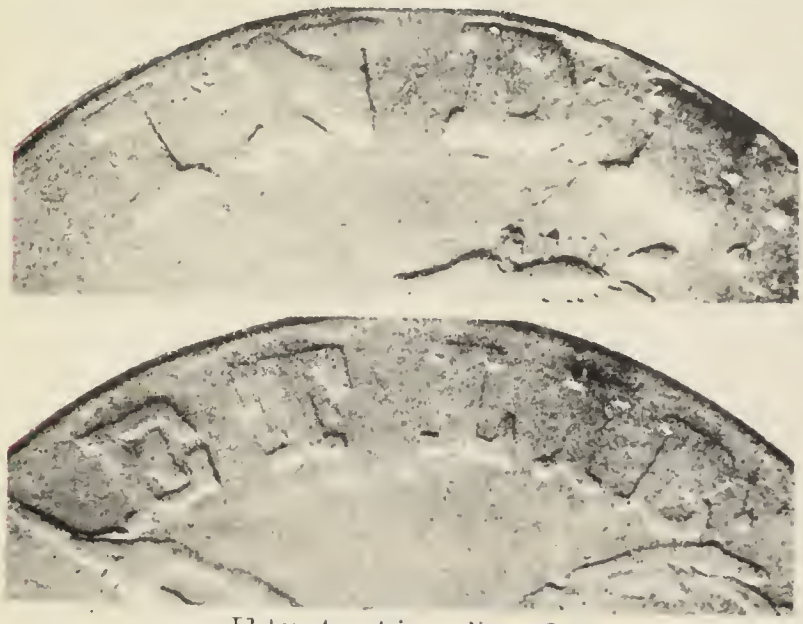


Illustration No. 8
INDE ET LIB from Rev. O.2 of 1786

After reviewing so many abnormalities of punch sunk letters, one must not conclude that all Connecticut coppers were produced from dies fashioned in this manner. Without a doubt some legends were entirely hand carved into the dies. Good examples of this category are the obverse 5's of 1786.
All but one of the thirteen members of this family have coarse, hand carved letters with irregularly clefted bases and grossly exaggerated serifs. Strong differences between the two adjacent "N's" in the twelve similar dies is one criterion alone to demonstrate that these letters were handcrafted. Reverse O.2 which is paired with obverse 5.2, 5.7 and 5.8 has exactly the same kind of letters, so all these dies must have been hand engraved by the same artisan. (See Illustration No. 8).

Obverse 5.3 is the odd ball in this particular family. It is entirely different from the other members, being sunk with a unique effigy punch called Hercules Head. It has uniform, unclefted letters which were obviously punch sunk without subsequent modification, yet this die has to be typed together with other obverse 5's because it is a mailed bust facing left, with two colons in the legend.

5.8-0.2

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #40 NOV 21, 1985

13. 1786 Miller 5.8-0.2. Very Good-8, R-4. Decent. Half moon line as planchet was nearly cut incorrectly. $40

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

39. 1786. Miller 5.8-O.2, Breen 752. High Rarity-4. Mailed Bust Left. 131.1 grains. Very Good, full legends, the date halfway off the planchet. Mottled light and darker brown on the obverse. Another inexpensive example of a scarcer variety.....$49

CHECK THIS 5.7-0.2

STACK'S SALE 'BOYD-RYER' JUNE 8, 1994

43 1786 ~~M.5.8-F.~~ MBL. ~~High R-5. Very Good,~~ rough, ~~flawed. 131.1 gns. Olive brown. Hall attribution number painted on reverse~~; M.5.8-O.2. MBL. High R-5 (revised). Very Good, rough, reverse very granular, obverse abrasions, dark brown. 116.9 gns. 2 pieces.

70/ 45 82

~~The first with round card ticket with circle H, graded "Poor"~~; *the second with Ryder's ticket annotated "H.C. Miller in Exchange Dec 1918"*. R. MARTIN

H.C. Miller in Exchange Dec 1918

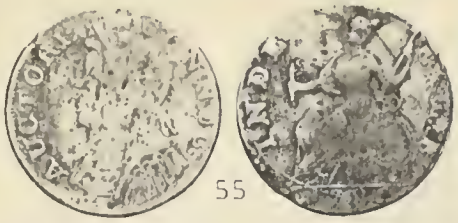
1786 CONNECTICUT
5-8
0-2
Good.

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

55 1786. M. 5.9—B.1. R-6. Both colons lean left. Rev. no colons, shattered die. **Fine in terms of wear,** weakly struck on a planchet with the usual defects, centers much weaker than peripheral details. **One of two best seen in recent years,** the very lightly finer one being the Brand—New Netherlands 51st Sale coin; **no other auction record in decades. (Photo)** $110 **($150.–200.)**

$110

EAC '75



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5. 9-B.1.

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA (P.68) 1988

753 1786 Same, no rev. colons. M. 5.9-B.1, 5.5-M, 5.6-M

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.9-B.1
VERY FINE, DEFECTIVE

NEW NETHERLANDS 51st SALE JUNE 16, 1958

76 Similar; no colons on reverse. M. 5.9-B.1. B.G.J. graded VF, but we would call it an unevenly struck Fine plus. On an egg-shaped planchet which is atypically smooth, and nicely patinated to various shades of brown—chestnut to cordovan leather. Slightly impaired about the obverse rim, but still choice. Very advanced die cracks on rev., later than known to Miller. RR; Rarity 6, Sheldon scale. **($12.50)**

$8 HALL

1786 M 5.9-B.1

The Brand Specimen

ACTUALLY BETTER THAN FINE

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE SURFACES

HALL

TAYLOR

$302.50

2374 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.9-B.1. Mailed Bust Left.** 171.8 grains. 190°. Rarity-6. **F-12.** Struck on a slightly oval, rather heavy flan. Glossy surfaces, with just a few stray handling marks. Pronounced planchet cutter "lip" noticable on the obverse. Rather late state of the reverse die, with numerous vertical and horizontal breaks, and considerable loss of detail in the first and second words of the legend. The reverse is usually found in one or another stage of collapse. From the Virgil Brand Collection later graded by B.G. Johnson as Very Fine. Dark chocolate brown. Sharper than the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen TO DAVE MENCHELL

Ex Dr. Hall, Brand, New Netherlands 51st sale, June 1958, Lot 76.

(2625)

COIN GALLERIES 'NICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

1786 Miller 5.9-B.1

TO STEVE TANNENBAUM

Condition Census "CONNEC" WEAK

LIGHT CLEANING TECH. XF

(2625) 880 **1786 M 5.9-B.1.** MBL. R-6. **161.3 gns. Technically Extremely Fine.** Reddish and olive brown. Sharpness in places lower due to late reverse state and its effect on the right obverse periphery. **Condition Census,** nicer than Taylor:2375, Norweb:2485, Oechsner:1054, the 1975 EAC coin and the ANS specimen, and examples seen in three private collections. Die states about as Taylor:2374 (obverse earlier than Taylor:2375), the reverse collapsing on the right and breaking diagonally across at top and bottom.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

549 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.9-B.1 (R-4). Very Fine or better. Lightly struck on upper obverse. Some planchet striae. One of the finest extant examples of 5.9-B.1.

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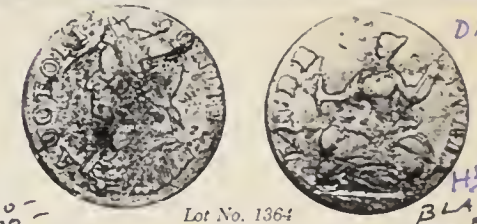
STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

DR. HALL



HESSBERG

BLACK & TAN

TOO BLACK

200–220

Lot No. 1364

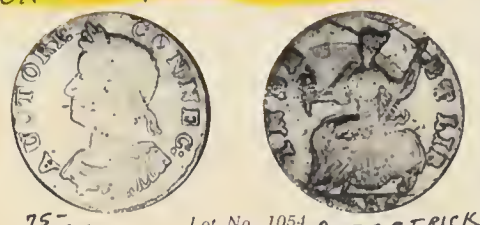
D. MITUZAS

1364 **1786 Miller 5.9-B.1** (R-6). 161 grains. Mailed bust left, well centered with high planchet cutter lip on obverse rim, interesting raised die lines at Liberty's head typical of this rare variety. Light lamination lines, dark glossy brown with a wealth of detail for type. Very Fine.

242.00

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

OK COLOR, BUT DENT ON KNEE



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Lot No. 1054 D. PARTRICK

OECHSNER

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

1054 **1786 Miller 5.9-B.1.** Mailed bust left. (R-6). 131.5 grains. Fine or a bit better, weakly struck at the centers because of extensive die breaks and buckling on the reverse. A deep planchet defect on Liberty's thigh. Full date and legends, mottled light brown and olive toning. Not as sharp on the main devices as the Taylor coin, but its overall balance is better because of the legends.

$697.50

BOWER'S 'MILTON COHEN' JAN 24–26, 1985

2315 1786 Connecticut. Bust facing left. Miller 5.9-B.1. Very Good to Fine obverse, Very Good reverse. The reverse is indistinct at the left and upper right border, a usual situation for this combination. A planchet fissure is at the right side of the seated figure.

DANA LINETT (EAN) LIST JUNE, 1982

5.9-B.1, R-6+, Very Fine, weakly struck at perifery, Finest of only 3 to be offered in decades!..... 395.

5.9-B.1

POSSIBLE CONDITION CENSUS

H.I.M. INC. SALE FEB 11, 1983

HARRY RESCIGNO

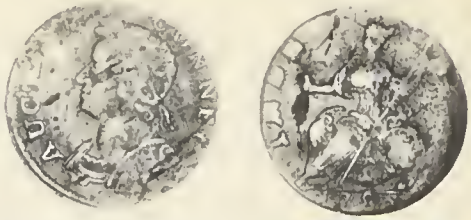
1026 1786. M.5.9-B.1 (High R-6+). VF. (Photo)

Very dark brown patina, head and reverse figure quite sharp, obverse strike weak at 10:00-12:00 rim, reverse similar at ET LIB (both due to die failure), vertical flan flaws on reverse and a couple of diagonal ones on obverse, old cleaning lines on the patina. Probably the finest of the 3-4 specimens sold in the last couple of decades. 325

BOWERS "E.M. SAUNDERS" NOV 9-11, 1967

1786 M 5.9-B.1

Unusual obverse sharpness



3020 1786 Connecticut. M 5.9-B.1. Rarity-6. F-15/VF-20. Dark brown surfaces, lighter reddish-brown highlights. Flawed on the obverse from E to base of bust; several reverse flaws. Typical reverse state if a little more advanced than seen on Taylor:2374; sharp obverse with more detail in areas than seen on that piece. The Taylor coin was the Hall-Brand example. 99.00

From H.I.M.'s sale of the Phillips Collection (February 1983), lot 1026

R. HUGHES LIST OCT, 1980

M-5.9-B.1 Good, usual defective planchet 25.00

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.9-B.1 (R-4). Good $19.00; Very Good $28.00; Fine 39.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APR, 1972

RARE COIN REVIEW #30, 1978

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.9-B.1 (R-4). VF-20. Some light planchet striae on obverse as made RCR #30 1978 ..... 95.00

BOWER'S 'ARNOLD & ROMISA" SEPT 17-19, 1984

622 Pair of Connecticut coppers: 1786 Miller 5.9-B.1 Mailed Bust left. Very Good to Fine; 1 OF 2 PIECES

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COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY FOUNDATION) 1989

5.9-B.1 1786 VG+/V R6

5.9-B.1 1786 VG+/V R6 Striations.

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5.9-B.1 6231 (2) POOR 2

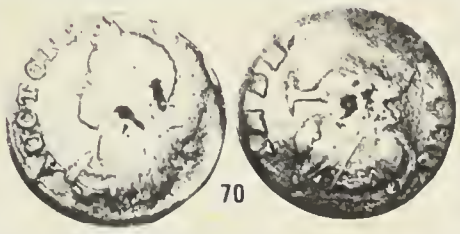
9412 (7) VERY GOOD 7

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

40) 1786 M.5.9-B.1 Very Good-10. Some planchet striations on both obverse and reverse. Dark brown fields with the deveces highlighted in tan.

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #2 FEB, 1989

70 **1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.9-B.1. Rarity 6. 132.7 grains. Mailed Bust Left. Very Fine, but weakly struck at right obverse, and due to the die orientation, also at the corresponding portions of the upper reverse. As noted in the Miller text, this variety is always found on defective planchets. No distinctly better specimen has been offered at auction in the last fifty years!** The Fine Taylor coin realized $302.50 and the Oeschner coin, also graded Fine, realized $687.50. A great opportunity for the specialist to acquire an example of this rarity.....$379



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BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE MAR 25, 1988

1 OF 5 PIECES

M 5.9-B.1. VF-20.

LOT # 2485 Rarity-6. 158.3 grains. 28.4mm. 280°. Severe obverse planchet flaw, probably once a lamination, TORI, punctuation, and effigy's head one quarter missing. Consequent reverse weakness from 3:00 to 5:30, final date digit gone. Reverse die state earlier than Taylor: 2374;

NORWEB

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982 WHT. 153.1 GRAINS

59 1786 M.5.9-B.1, ~~M.B.L., 1787 M.14-H, M.B.L. arrows at date; 1787 M.33.2-E.17, D.B.L., 1787 M.33.39-S.1, D.B.L. All are a~~ nice Very Good with a sharp date. Lot of 4 pieces. 130 R. MARTIN 4/86 - H. RESCIGNO

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SEE STACK'S SALE "PARKINS" JAN 14, 1998 LOT # 235

STACK'S SALE MAY 13, 1982

54 1786 M.5.9-B.1; ~~1787 M.19-D, M.B.L., 1787 M.39.2-cc, D.B.L. All are a~~ nice Fine. Lot of 3 pieces. 130

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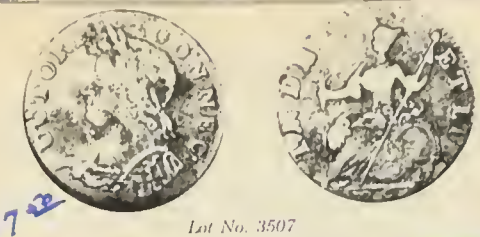
5.9-B.1

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 10, 1992



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Lot No. 3507

3507 **1786 Connecticut Copper.** Miller 5.9-B.1 (R-6). Mailed bust left. Well centered, AUCTORI:, reverse INDE/ET LIB without punctuation. Very Good, smooth brown.

BOWER'S DONOVAN & HUDGENS SALE NOV 18-19, 1993

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2010 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.9-B.1. Mailed Bust Left. VF-30 for apparent sharpness,** much weaker in some areas, typical for this variety. **Rarity-6.** 158.3 grains. Die alignment: 270°. Struck on a partially occluded flan, with the upper left quadrant (9:00 to 12:00) on the obverse not struck up (see photo). Well struck on the reverse, except from 3:00 to 5:00, an area of softness caused by the obverse planchet thinness. TORI missing from obverse, T LIB missing from reverse, otherwise all details in the VF grade range. An interesting specimen that deserves examination by advanced students of the Connecticut copper series.

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 12, 1994

Lot No. 1567

1567 **1786 Connecticut. Mailed bust left.** Miller 5.9-B.1 (R-6). Only a trifle weaker than the Taylor example, the same curving die cracks through the head on the reverse, little of date clear. Light attractive brown. Bold Fine.

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STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

2113 **1786 M.5.9-B.1. MBL. Nearly Fine. Rarity 6.** 163.6 grains. Even brown. Surfaces granular but with some gloss. Light striations on both sides, flawed reverse above branch. Several reverse rim scrapes. Date indistinct, all other design elements present. Die states uncertain. This variety is regularly found on thick and heavy flans ranging from 150-170 grains. T. RINALDO

50 70 77

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

957 **1786 M.5.9-B.1. MBL. Rarity 6.** Fine/Very Good. 146.9 gns. Brown fields, lighter highpoints. Both surfaces granular. Minor flaws both sides. All design details visible for grade save date numerals, as Perkins I:2113. Most known are in low grades. DARK

60 65 85 92

BOWER'S LEXINGTON SALE JAN 6, 1994

79 Connecticut copper trio: **1786 M 5.9-B.1.** G-4, defective flan **Rarity-6.** 128.7 grains. Deep mahogany brown surfaces fading to black in areas. Heavy patina on both sides. Flan flaw at obverse effigy's head, heavy die breaks on reverse. ~~1787 M14-H. VF-30 for sharpness, heavy black patina on medium brown surfaces. Rarity 4. 123.2 grains. Pheons at date, the only such die in the Connecticut copper series. A coin that should be seen ☆ 1788 M 24-D G-4. Rarity 1. 134.2 grains. On an oval flan, not uncommon for this variety. Strong design details remain for the grade, although there is some weakness in the peripheral legends.~~ (Total: 3 pieces)

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BOWERS M.H.S. SALE NOV 18, 1994

3176 **Connecticut copper quartette,** ~~representing each year of coinage for the series: ☆ 1785 M 3.1 A.3. Mailed Bust Right. VF-20/VG-10. Rarity 4. 119.5 grains. Sharper on the obverse than on the reverse. Some tiny, natural flan fissures noted~~ ☆ **1786 M 5.9-B.1. Mailed Bust Left. F-12/VG-8 for sharpness. Rarity-6.** 145.1 grains. Die alignment: 250°. A natural planchet fissure at 7:00 on the obverse edge carries through to the reverse. Additionally, some old obverse gouges are present, along with a scraped area of black patina. A rarity that should be seen before bidding judgment is passed. ☆ ~~1787/8 M 9-R. Mailed Bust Left. G-4, cleaned. Rarity-6. 133.2 grains. Die alignment: 200°. Sharpness approaching a higher grade, particularly on the reverse, but harshly cleaned to an unnatural redness long ago and now retoning ☆ 1788 M 11-C. Mailed Bust Left. VG-8. Rarity 3. 105.5 grains. Dark brown with faint, uniform surface porosity. This selection includes two highly elusive varieties.~~ (Total: 4 pieces)

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STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

127 ~~1786 M.5.8-H.2. Another. About Fine. 154.3 gns. Pale brown, attempted holes, reverse flaws~~; **M.5.9-B.1. MBL. R-6.** Nearly Very Good to Fine. 145.8 gns. Pale brown, reverse flawed through right. Miller number in a coarse hand on obverse. 2 pieces.

75 80 88

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1991

5.1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.9-B.1, 158.2 grains. Good, smooth brown planchet with a fairly recent reverse scratch. Early die state of the reverse, with the breaks barely visible. Decent for the grade; a Rarity-6 variety. 35.00

PENNYWISE #139 JULY 15, 1990

ED SARRAFIAN, EAC #1628 9414 Nashville Morton Grove, IL 60053

For Sale: 1786 Conn. M 5.9-B.1 R6 Fine $400.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #7 MAY, 1982

5. 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.9-B.1, Mailed Bust Left, R-6, Good-4. Decent. $35

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

12. 1786 Miller 5.9-B.1. Very Good-8, R-6. Clean and nice. $135

DICK AUGUST LIST, DEC, 1980

5.9-B.1

Extremely Rare
1786 Miller 5.9-B.1
THIRD FINEST KNOWN! ?

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993

66 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.9-B.1 Rarity-6 148.7 grains Extremely Fine Generally boldly struck, with nearly complete legends (ORI of AUCTORI is weak, as is the date which is directly opposite this area) Gorgeous glossy brown color on either side, the surfaces smooth and free of all but the most trivial handling marks A slight planchet cutter "lip" noticeable on the obverse, as often seen on the 1786 issues (and on the Taylor specimen of this variety, for example) High in the CONDITION CENSUS, much nicer than the Taylor coin, the Norweb, Oechsner and EAC '75 specimens, as well as the pieces in the ANS and Colonial Newsletter collections—and quite close to the recently-offered specimen in the Picker reference collection (which was marginally sharper at the centers, but weak at the right and which had some reddish porosity on the obverse) but still sold for $880 in spirited bidding This is a previously unknown example of the variety, and one that should excite the Connecticut specialist to no end Not only is the variety itself almost never offered (possibly a High Rarity-6?), when it does make an appearance it is almost always in grades of Very Good or lower A chance for the specialist to obtain a truly remarkable coin, one that will never be upgraded no matter how hard you search, or how much money you have to spend!.....$629

The Condition Census for the variety appears to be as follows

1) *Private Collection, Extremely Fine*
2) *Picker Reference collection coin, Extremely Fine*
3) *The present example, Extremely Fine* ?
4) *Turoff, Very Fine*
5) *Dr. Hall-Hessberg, Very Fine.*
6) *Norweb, Very Fine*
7) *New Netherland's 51st sale, nearly Very Fine, later in the Taylor collection*

After this the Census drops off to a few Fines (Oechsner, 1975 EAC sale) and a few VG's (ANS and CNL reference collections)

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1786 M.5.9-B.1 #9412 HALL_SHUMWAY,1919.
(G7) VG/FINE, UNEVEN STRIKE.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

104 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.9-B.1. Rarity-6. 135.1 grains. Fine, some details closer to a VF grade, others weaker as struck. Two or three letters are faint on either side, as is the date on the reverse, though the central details, especially the mail on the obverse bust, are quite strong. Pleasing medium brown surfaces, with a few mid-size striations, mainly on the obverse, but with no trace of post-striking damage or defect. A very rare variety, seldom found in any grade—the Taylor, Norweb and Dr. Hall-Hessberg coins were all VF, the Oechsner and EAC '75 coins were Fine and the ANS and CNL reference collection coins are just VG. On our Eighth price list we were able to offer a high CC example of the variety that received multiple orders at $629—this one should please its new owner at significantly less!.....$149

Early die state, without a trace of the reverse die breaks.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

113 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.9-B.1. Rarity-6. 145.8 grains. Very Good to Fine. RI and the first C of CONNEC are weak on the obverse as is much of ET LIB on the reverse; the central details are all quite sharp and fully consistent with the higher grade level assigned. Pleasing medium brown planchet with some minor linear laminations at the right side of the reverse, else amazingly clean for the variety. PAINTED DIE VARIETY in the left obverse field, in a rather coarse hand, not Canfield's scrip, but certainly quite old in origin. A very rare variety, seldom found in any grade—the Taylor, Norweb and Dr. Hall-Hessberg coins were all VF, the Oechsner and EAC '75 coins were Fine and the ANS and CNL reference collection coins are just VG. On our last price list we were able to offer a high CC example of the variety that received multiple orders at $629—this one should please its' new owner at significantly less!.....$99

Fairly early reverse die state, with just one of the spidery die breaks from the rim to Liberty's face and none of the bulging usually found. No doubt this die broke early and in a rather dramatic fashion which accounts for the rarity of the variety.

5.9-B.1

STACK'S 'BOYD - RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

85-
240-
DON MITUZAS

Lot No. 44

OK
MAHOGANY
TINY RIM NICKS

44 1786 M.5.9-B.1. MBL. R-6. Good Fine, many small rim gouges on both sides. 164.3 gns. Nice, deep brown and olive. Date off flan. Hall attribution number painted on obverse, written on round ticket affixed to center of reverse. Obverse seems perfect; reverse center failing and breaks present but no bulge yet in upper right field (earlier than Taylor:2374).

Round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd CH SALE NOV 8, 1997

242. ONE HALF DOZEN CONNECTICUT COPPERS. 1786 M.5.9-B.1 MBL (R-6) Low VG8 149.4 gns. Light planchet striations. Porous planchet. Full date, some legend missing.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

96 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.9-B.1, another. 148.8 grains. Very Good or so, some details stronger than the above coin, others weaker as struck. The obverse is weak at AUC, though the rest of the legends are visible and there is strong detail on the mailing. The reverse is weak at NDE, but the remaining legends are bold, as is the date which is completely on the planchet [and even has a row of denticles beneath it]. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with some heavy striations that make the coin look rough, the reverse with a few as well, but much clearner in appeance. Another acceptable example of this rarity.....$79

Late die state of the reverse, with the three parallel diebraks at the top, two of which touch Liberty's head, and another large curved one through the date, across Liberty's foot to the I of INDE.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

163. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.9-B.1. Rarity-6. 138.1 grains. Very Fine or so in terms of wear received. Boldly struck at the centers of the coin, a bit weaker at the peripheries. The legends are partial, with AUC and NNE weak on the obverse and ND and LIB on the reverse – unusual since the variety usually comes with die bulging at the top and bottom, and the legends strong! The date is full and sharp. The central design details are quite bold, with nearly full mailing and facial details on the obverse bust. Medium brown surfaces, with some light roughness, mostly on the reverse; there are no nicks or scratches on the piece. Struck on a slightly oval planchet, a situation sometimes found on this variety [cf. the example on our Eleventh price list], from a fairly late state of the reverse die. A very difficult variety to find in any grade.....$109

Struck from a late state of the reverse die, with two long diebreaks at the top of the coin, one touching Liberty's head and another that arches from the I of INDE, across Liberty's foot and through the first three digits of the date.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FILM #11 SPRING 1996

117 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.9-B.1, another. 149.7 grains. Very Good to Fine, a more typical grade for the variety. About half the legends are visible on either side, mostly due to the die state. The date is full and sharp. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with a few shallow striations of little importance, the reverse hard and clean. Overall a pleasing lower grade example of the variety, with choice color and nice eye appeal.....$49

Slightly earlier die state than the above coin, with just two diebreaks at the top of the die and the one through the date not yet connected to the I of INDE.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) SPRING 1996 FIXED PRICE LIST #11

A HIGH GRADE MILLER 5.9-B.1
On a Remarkably Oval Planchet!

115 1786 Conencticut. Miller 5.9-B.1. Rarity-6. 139.1 grains. Choice Very Fine. Boldly struck on a remarkably OVAL PLANCHET, measuring 29.3 mm x 27.4 mm. The legends are nearly complete, with just the NN of CONNEC and T-LI of ET-LIB missing, due to a combination of the planchet shape and the late die state. Glossy medium brown surfaces, with some insignificant planchet striae on the obverse and a medium-sized planchet flaw between the branch and Liberty's knee on the reverse. Else the surfaces are hard, and with exceptional eye appeal. Struck from a late die state of the reverse; the die seems to have broken rather early on, accounting for its rarity today. Seldom found in any grade, and seemingly unknown better than EF. The Taylor, Norweb and Dr. Hall-Hessberg coins were all VF while the Oecshner and EAC '75 coins were called Fine. The ANS and CNL Reference collection examples are just VG. This one has remarkable eye appeal and is visually stunning because of the oval planchet. The variety is on a significant number of want lists, and should be of interest at just.....$219

One of the latest states we've seen, the reverse with three long diebreaks at the top, two of which touch Liberty's head. There is also a large, thin diebreak that arches from the I of INDE through the first three digits of the date.

5.9-B.1

1786 M.5.9-B.1 WHT.141.6 GRAINS. VERY FINE. NICE COLOR & SURFACES.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION APRIL,1995.

1786 M.5.9-B.1 EXTREMELY FINE, DEFECTS.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

95 1786 Connecticut Miller 5.9-B.1. Rarity-6. 152.3 grains. Fine. Well struck for this notoriously difficult variety. The obverse legends are complete, though a few letters are a bit weak. There is a small area of die bulging at the very top and very bottom of this side, though it affects no legends. The reverse is a bit weaker, with DE faint and most of the date off the planchet; there is a large die bulge at the shield on this side as well. Medium brown surfaces with some very light striations on either side, none of any serious nature. A pleasing example of a rare variety, and one that is seldom found nicer.....$109

5.9-B.1

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPLAIT SUMMER 1999

131. 1786 Connecticut Copper. Miller 5.9-B.1. Low Rarity-6. 142.6 grains. Overall Fine, some details much stronger, others weaker as struck. The obverse has a full CONNEC, but only CTORI is visible, and even that is mostly weak. The central design detail is fairly strong, showing most of the upper mailing on the bust. The reverse is weak at IND, but the rest of the legend is sharp, and the date is about three-quarters on the planchet. The small diagonal diebreak from the rim to the seated figure's head is visible, diagnostic for the B.1 variety and making attribution both simple and certain. This is a "Good News/Bad News" coin. First the good – the planchet is a lovely light chocolate color, the surfaces hard and generally quite glossy. Now the bad – there are a couple of light striations on either side, and a large planchet flaw visible at the edge at K-8 on the obverse and the same area on the reverse, as well as a darker area of toning at TORI on the obverse and some very light dents hidden within the obverse design detail. All of that being said, we have to say that this strict description of the piece makes it sound quite unattractive, but the piece actually has decent eye appeal, saved by the good light color and the lack of porosity. It's also an extremely difficult variety to find in ANY grade, and we think it will be quite appealing at our price of just.....$99

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

235 **1786 M.5.9-B.1.** MBL. R-5 to 5+ (revised). 152.3 gns. Overall Fine, some areas sharper, others duller. Pale olive brown and light gold in color, uniform over both sides. Surfaces quite granular. Reverse striated from upper left down to right, small flaw below TL. Obverse slightly off center to the top but without any real effect on the coin. Reverse rim bevelled by its pass under the planchet cutter, soft there and a trifle on the corresponding part of the obverse. We have records of 21 different specimens and feel R-6 is too high for this number.

75 75 82

Ex Harry Rescigno Collection; American Rose Rare Coins Fixed Price List March 1, 1986; Robert M. Martin Collection; Stack's Sale of May 13, 1982, part of lot 59. ←

Obverse die appears to be perfect. Reverse state not entirely certain due to the surface condition, but the breaks through 17, from rim to head, and from above head through top of pole are present.

5.9-B.1

5.9-L

THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MARCH, 1964 P.28
COLONIAL NEWSLETTER

5.9-L | An Eastern collector who desires anonymity discovered this new, inedited combination some years ago. One specimen located: Private collector.

Unpublished Unique Muling

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

57 1786. M. 5.9—L. R-8. Obv. as last but heavily clashed from rev. L. and failing at TORI: Rev. Ms. Liberty enjoys a footrest. Without the cracks found on all other examples of this rev. (with obvs. 5.2 and 5.10). Difficult to grade, this shallowly struck coin shows little evidence of wear; light to medium olive with other mottlings, and traces of faded mint lustre! No whisper of a rumor of a duplicate. Discovered in the 1950's, first published in Colonial Newsletter, 3/64, pg. 28. $465 (Photo) ($300.–up)

$465

EAC'75

~~50~~ 57

510

"BROWN" LIBRARY

PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

EXCESSIVELY RARE MULING

510 1786. M. 5. 9-L (R-8). EF/AU, but difficult to grade as this shallowly struck coin shows little evidence of wear; light to medium olive with other mottlings, and traces of faded mint lustre! obv. heavily clash-marked from rev. L; rev. without the cracks found on all other examples of this same rev. No whisper of a rumor of a duplicate. Discovered in the 1950's, first published in Colonial Newsletter, 3/64, page 28.

$350

1786 M 5.9-L

Probable Finest Known

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE COLL' MARCH 27, 1987

TAYLOR

NICE SMOOTH MOTTLED DARK BROWN VF 30++

TO A. TERRANOVA

2375 1786 Connecticut. M 5.9-L. Mailed Bust Left. 129.0 grains. High Rarity-7. VF-20, overall, with areas of sharpness qualifying for a higher grade. Struck from a heavily clashed obverse, with areas of deep incusation from reverse L noticeable, including the full date above the effigy's head! Otherwise, smooth obverse and reverse surfaces, which are rich and deep golden brown. High R-7, about six known: this example: Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen AXS, three others. Unknown to Miller, discovered in the 1950s, first published by Ed Barnsley in his 1964 update of Miller's listings.

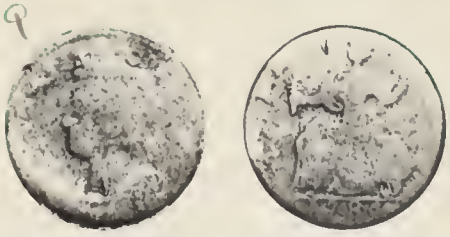
From the Pine Tree sale of the John Carter Brown Library Collection May 1976, Lot 510.

$770

• This combination was unknown to Miller, being undiscovered until the 1950s. First published by Edward Barnsley in his Miller's Connecticut Listings Updated (1964 (see above for the full citation). Only one specimen was known at the time, and the census remained the same through the 1970s. Recently, one or two more have surfaced due to diligent searching through unattributed Connecticut coppers. Nevertheless, an extremely rare variety, and only the second auction appearance of this combination since its discovery. Graded Extremely Fine/About Uncirculated in the John Carter Brown Library sale, we feel a more conservative overall grade to be VF-20, with areas of sharpness suggesting a higher grade, as already described.

VERY RARE VARIETY

5.9 Q



NASCA 'HESSLER-SPANGENBERGER' APRIL 28, 29, 1981

2216 1786. M.5.9-L. (R-8.) Fair/Good. (Photo)

20 *Obverse probably better but very weak strike due to die failures, remains of clashing from reverse die visible from CO letterards to wreath tip, reverse with full date, couple of nicks on each side, deep brown toning on smooth planchet with only minor reverse defects. Pine Tree EAC Sale #57 seems to have been the first (and only) auction sale to date.*

5.9-L

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

41) 1786 M.5.9-L Very Good with some weakness in strike affecting the legends. Medium brown. (Exchanged with Richard Pickers' M.7-K)

1786 5.9-L WHT. 142.7 GRAINS SEE COLOR PHOTO
VERY GOOD (G/VG) / VERY FINE (F/VF) DETAILS.
DARK BLACKISH ROUGH (MATTE) SURFACES
DISCOVERED M. RINGO FEB, 1981 TO D. MITUZAS

KINGSWOOD GALLERIES 'FRANCONIA SALE' 8-4-92

Rare 1786 M ~~5.9-L~~ 5.10-L

632.50

6516 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.9-L. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. High Rarity-7.** 116.2 grains. A reasonably attractive example of this rare and desirable issue. Perhaps as few as six to eight specimens are currently known Evidence of die failure is seen on both sides, noticeably at the obverse effigy's bust and AU in AUCTORI and on the reverse at ET LIB and above the date area Uniform light porosity seen on both surfaces, and some very faint fissures are noted for accuracy. A well-known rarity in the series, and worthy of serious bidder consideration

This die combination, unknown to Miller, was discovered in the 1950s and first published by Edward Barnsley in his "Miller's Connecticut Listings Updated" in 1964 At that time, just one specimen was known The census remained the same throughout the 1970s However, by the late 1980s, a small handful of other specimens of this elusive die marriage had surfaced due to diligent searching through unattributed Connecticut copper groups It is still an extremely rare variety, with specimens known from the Taylor Collection, the Pine Tree/EAC Collection the ANS specimen, the specimen offered here, and two or three others

DON MITUZAS STOCK 1994

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

1786 MILLER 5.9-L

High Rarity 7

160-600-

Lot No. 2114

TO JIM GOUDGE

2114 660.00 **1786 M.5.9-L. MBL. About Good/Fair. High Rarity 7.** 101.9 grains. Dark brown, reddish high points. Both sides abrasively cleaned. Surfaces striated, reverse particularly. Tiny reverse planchet cutter clip at 2:30, cutter lip from 10 to 5 o'clock. Obverse very flat due to advanced state of the die; reverse soft in center and at top, but most of legend visible and date strong. **Extremely rare:** we have seen only four examples, this; ANS; the Pine Tree/EAC-PT/Brown-Taylor:2375 piece, the discovery coin; and the coin in Bowers and Merena's August 1992 Mail Bid Sale, probably ex PT/EAC'76:2131. There may be one or two others in collectors' hands. Unknown to Miller, first published by Ned Barnsley in *CNL*(1964), first sold publicly in 1975. Missing from the Norweb, Oechsner, and Hessberg Collections. Very late die states: obverse now sinking from breast to A, ORI obscured by bulge, CONNEC nearly gone from severe clashing, the latest state of the die showing this combination to be among the last struck; reverse shows early failure in field below TL but not as advanced as on 5.10-L.

Purchased from Kennebunk Coins and Currency at the 1988 Auburn, MA coin show.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1427 J. ROCK

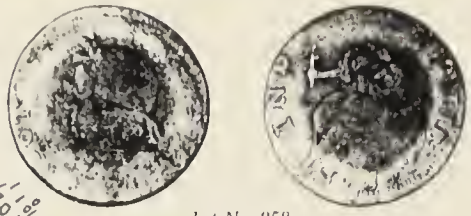
5.9-L -- First noticed in the 1950's. Several specimens now known, including W.P. Keller, the Bryant-Bowers-1975 E.A.C-Taylor coin, one in the A.N.S. (from a trade with Richard Picker) and a couple more low grade examples.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

5.9-L

1786 MILLER 5.9-L

Rarity 7



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Lot No. 958

958 **1786 M.5.9-L. MBL. Rarity 7.** Technically strong Fine, appearance of About Good/Fine due to the extremely late obverse die state. 87.6 gns. Dark brown, unusual lighter highlights around the peripheries. Obverse surface somewhat rough and lightly granular, reverse much less so. Obverse slightly off center to the bottom, reverse to the top, but without important effect. Short linear reverse flaw from second E into breast. Still **very rare** even if not now a definite R-7+. We now know of seven distinct specimens (two more than noted in Perkins I:2114): **this;** the Perkins I coin; Taylor:2375, the original discovery coin; ANS; NASCA (4/81):2216; a specimen found by Mike Ringo in early 1991 weighing 142.7 gns; and the B&M 8/92 mail bid sale coin, probably ex Pine Tree/EAC'76:2131 (if not, then eight would be known). There are probably others in collectors' hands. The present specimen is nicer than the Perkins I coin. This variety unknown to Miller, first published by Barnsley in *CNL* (1964), first sold publicly as late as 1975. Unrepresented in Oechsner or Hessberg. Late die states, about equivalent to the Perkins I coin's, much later than Taylor:2375.

→ *From Coin Galleries' February 12, 1986 sale, lot 1288.*

5.9-L

5.9-Q

Reverse Q. Instead of "Three longitudinal lines on globe", read "There are eight longitudinal lines and three parallels of latitude on globe".

Finest Known M. 5.9-Q

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

56 1786. M. 5.9—Q. High R-6. nearly R-7. Rev. crude trident (?) or ploughshaped ornament in legend, as clear on this coin as it ever comes. (Miller said that "Specimens found are too poor to show it exactly," but this is better than his or the ANS coin.) **Some details approach VF sharpness, the rest will rate Fine;** struck on a granular flan with the usual shallow defects. Unpublished late die state with the rim break above LIB, accounting for the prompt discard of this die and the rarity of the variety. **Finest known, unapproached in grade by any other seen to date** (we are not even sure that a full dozen exist.) Privately ex Dr. Hall, Virgil Brand, New Netherlands, H. L. Craige, Bowers 1972 list well into three figures and a bargain. **No auction record in any grade. (Photo)** 345 **($300.–400.)**

$345

EAC '75

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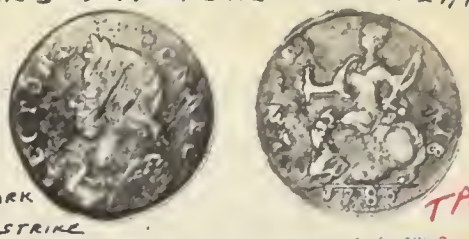
BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987



TOO DARK
GOOD STRIKE

TAYLOR

2376 1786 Connecticut. M 5.9-Q. Mailed Bust Left. 108.2 grains Low Rarity-6. G-4/F-12. Dark brown, with some lighter areas, particularly on the reverse. Fairly heavy striations through the obverse, clearer reverse. Obverse rims rounded, a result of the cookie-cutter style planchet cutter used Pronounced planchet cutter "lip" at the top of the reverse Somewhat early reverse state, with no sign of the break above LIB

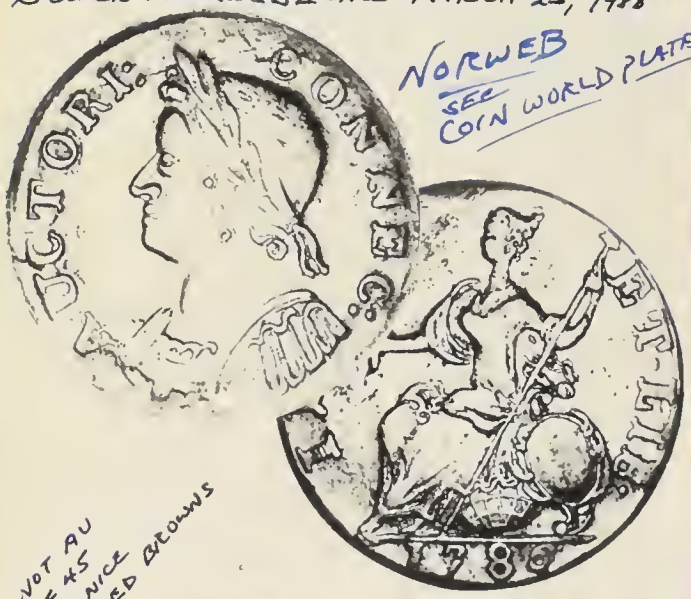
$110 ×

The reverse is fairly well struck up and shows the ornament between E and Liberty's head about as well as it is seen on any specimen of this reverse (only known in combination with obverse 5.9). We have provided below a close up photograph of this area of the reverse and suggest that each collector student of the series make his own decision as to what was originally intended. To a pair of classically trained eyes it looks much like Jupiter's thunderbolt the cataloguer of the Pine Tree E.A.C. sale suggested that it resembled a trident or a plow-shaped ornament. Miller had not seen a specimen sharply struck enough to describe or draw it correctly.

1786 M 5.9-Q

Among the Finest Known

BOWER'S 'NORWEB II SALE' MARCH 25, 1988



NORWEB
SEE COIN WORLD PLATE

NOT AU
XF 45
STILL NICE
MOTTLED BROWNS

$1,760

TO D. MENCHELL

2491 1786 Connecticut. M 5.9-Q. AU-50. Rarity-6–. 131.7 grains. 28.3mm. 190°. Smooth and glossy, golden brown surfaces. Exceptional detail, far superior to the three Taylor coins (2376, 2377, 2378); better centered, struck, and technically superior to the Pine Tree/E.A.C.: 56 coin, then called the finest known. The reverse shows the usual break at the tops of LIB. Obverse state later than the Taylor coins, about the same state as Taylor: 2375, a 5.9-L, proving the obverse was married to two reverses simultaneously. Full latitudinal and longitudinal lines on the globe.

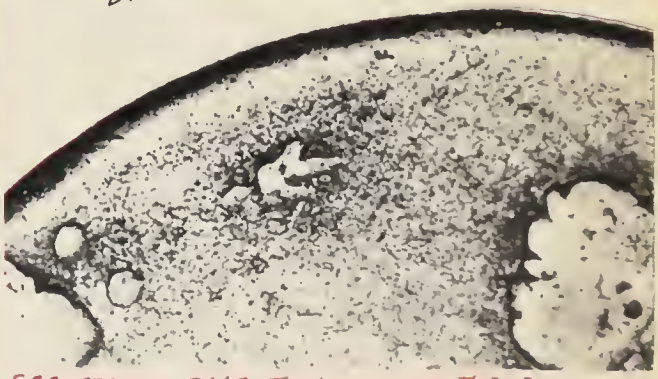
Purchased privately from New Netherlands Coin Company in 1955; at the time of purchase, this was called the third finest known.

1786 M 5.9-Q

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

DARK

TAYLOR



SEE STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992 #212

The Reverse Ornament

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2377 1786 Connecticut. M 5.9-Q. Mailed Bust Left. 125.4 grains Low Rarity-6. Nearly VG-8 A second example of this somewhat scarce variety Deep golden brown on both surfaces Minor rim clip at 5:30 on the obverse As the close-up photograph shows the ornament which perplexed Miller and was indistinct in the Pine Tree/E.A.C. plate resembles very closely the right side of the Buddhist *Vajra* the symbolic thunderbolt A second interesting aspect of this specimen is the hook-shaped break or scriber's mark which extends from the bottom of the branch slightly into the field below Part of this mark can be seen on the specimen of 5.9-Q in the preceding lot but it is usually indistinct on others (see the piece in the next lot)

$110

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

TAYLOR

2378 1786 Connecticut. M 5.9-Q. Mailed Bust Left. 103.9 grains High Rarity-6. G-4 A third and final example which also shows the *Vajra* symbol Miller attribution number painted on the obverse Overall dark and somewhat porous with old scratches at the top of the reverse DARK, POROUS

$44 ×

SEE BOWER'S DONOVAN & HUDGENS SALE NOV 15, 1993 #2012

5.9-Q

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976
550 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.9-Q (R-5). Fine, or close to it. Lightly struck in areas. Dark, perfect planchet.
$25

NEW NETH. 'NUMISMA' AUG, 1954 VOL. I NO. 3
882 1786. Mailed bust l. M. 5.9-Q. RRR (R-5). Ex. Fine, the second finest known. Ex Hall, Brand calls., like many of these. Exceptionally desirable. $16.00

FINEST KNOWN 1786 MILLER 5.9-Q

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

SOME WEAKNESS

1,000—
1,600—

HALL
OECHSNER
D. PARTRICK

Lot No. 1055

1055 **1786 Miller 5.9-Q.** Mailed bust left. **(Low R-6).** 117.2 grains. **About Uncirculated,** mint surface on most of the obverse, with a bit of porosity at the top and bottom edges. There is a small scratch on the neck, and a longer one on the right reverse field. The reverse is lightly and fairly evenly granular. Full date, full legends; fully struck on the major devices; all skirt and globe lines sharp and clear. Light golden tan obverse, deeper brown reverse. The peculiar reverse ornament after INDE is sharply struck, very clear, and **still** unidentifiable! Three letter grades better than either of the Taylor coins, and much finer than the Fine to Very Fine EAC piece claimed as finest known. *(SEE COLOR PLATE)*

$1,760

From the Virgil Brand Collection, earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection.

PINE TREE "EAC '76 SALE" MARCH 5, 1976
2107 **1786. M. 5.9—Q.** (High R-6, nearly R-7) The all important reverse better than Good, obv. not quite Good. Usually comes so worn that the ornament cannot be made out and the attribution must be deduced from shape of branch. Compare EAC lot 56 (pictured over 57, miscalled 5.9-0 through typographical error). One of the most difficult of the 1786's. **($50.-75.)**
Both colons lean left; crude trident-shaped or plow-shaped ornament in legend.
$35

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991
1365 **1786 Miller 5.9-Q** (Low R-6). 111 grains. Mailed bust left, lamination-free but a number of ancient scratches now inconspicuous beneath a uniform deep brown patina. Struck somewhat off-center with raised planchet cutter lip on right reverse rim. Fine.
77.00 Hessberg
OFF CENTER MARKED

BOWER'S "KRUG-JOHANN SALE" MAY 14-15, 1976
41 1786 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. Miller 59-Q. Very rare (R-5) variety. Very Fine. Line-like planchet defect at upper reverse. Seldom seen or offered for sale.
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BOWERS "RARE COIN REVIEW NO #19 FEB, 1974

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.9-Q (R-5). Very Fine 159.00

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.9-Q (R-5). Good $27.00; Fine $105.00; ~~Very Fine~~ . RARE COIN REVIEW #14 . . APR. 1972 . . . . . ~~159.00~~

BOWER'S RARE COINS REVIEW # 7 SEPT, 1970
1786 Mailed bust left. 5.9-Q. (R-5). ~~Good $27.00~~; VG #7 9/70 . 39.00

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.9-Q (R-5). Fine-12. Lightly struck in areas RARE COIN REVIEW # 30 1978 ..... 59.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.9-Q	1786	VG+/VG+	R6-	Clip. Cutter mks. obverse
5.9 Q	1786	F/F	R6-	Defective planchet cutter
5.9-Q	1786	VG/VG	R6-	Cutter MKED. Center hole
5.9 Q	1786	P/G	R6-	
5.9-Q	1786	F+/F+	-?-	Striations.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
5.9-Q 6352 (2) POOR (2)
9460 (12) FINE (12)
9459 (15) FINE (15)

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993
2111 **1786 ~~M.5.7-H.1. MBL.~~** ~~Fine. Low Rarity 5. 114.9 grains. Dark golden brown. Uniformly granular. Deep flaw, partial lamination at the obverse center. States as Taylor:2306~~; **1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL.** Overall Fine. **Low Rarity 6.** Dark brown and orange, reverse attractive. Surfaces micro-granular. Well centered, reverse ornament sharp, ET soft. Obverse failing below AU. 2 pieces.
120
260.00
286

5.9-Q

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

42) 1786 M.5.9-Q Fine, although unevenly struck affecting legends. Verticle planchet striation on reverse. Mottled tan with darker browns. (No Provenance)

43) 1786 M.5.9-Q Fine or better but holed at second "N" in CONN. Defective flan at lower obverse. Additional attempted puncture on reverse.

NEW NETHERLAND'S 60TH SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

LOT# 330 $34

Plus, M. 5.9-Q (Rarity 5). Obverse technically Fine, but so weakly impressed as to be labeled "Good" at first glance; reverse Very Fine and unevenly bold. Planchet slightly flawed by a few shallow striations and a minor clip-like defect on raised section of the rev. rim. Despite the obv. weakness, this specimen is far finer than that illustrated by Miller (pg. 19). Very rare pair, also from Boyd. 2 Pcs. 1 OF 2 PIECES OTHER 5.8-H.2

The second piece above is an early die state, without rev. crack at ET LIB or buckling near the trident ornament after INDE. Miller knew of none with this ornament clear: "Specimens found are too poor to show it exactly." We might add that R-5 items on the Miller scale are always equal to high Rarity 6 or, more often, Rarity 7 on the 8 point Sheldon scale.

ROSA AMERICANA FPL&L SPRING 1992

26 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.9-Q Low Rarity-6 108.2 grains Overall Very Good, but, with the usual weak strike seen on the variety Most of the legends are visible, the date is bold and sharp One small dent on the reverse globe Attractive medium brown surfaces, with mottlings of other colors on the reverse A tough variety in any grade, attested to by the fact that Miller never saw a specimen nice enough to be able to discern the reverse ornament $39

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

35 1786 ~~Mailed Bust Left M #5.8 H.2 (R-6) ALMOST GOOD-3, dark~~; Mailed Bust Left M #5.9-Q (R-6) GOOD-4, deep planchet drifts. (Lot of 2 pieces). $20

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

LOT# 2445 M 5.9-Q. F-12. Rarity-6-. 135.6 grains. 28.2mm. 175°. Lightly lacquered, devices tooled. Numerous planchet fissures; 1 OF 5 PIECES NORWEB

BOWER'S SALE' SEPT 11-13, 1989

17 ~~Trio of state coppers: ☆ 1787 New Jersey. M37Y. 160.5 grains. G-4 to AG-3 ☆ 1785 Connecticut. M1-E. 122.9 grains. Rarity-5. G-6 ☆~~ 1786 Connecticut. M5.9-Q. 103.9 grains. Rarity-6. G-4. (Total: 3 pieces) 12

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #42 MARCH 1, 1986

13. 1786 Miller 5.9-Q.? Very Good-8, R-6. Decnt. Some weak areas as usual and some light scratches and edge nicks. Mailed Bust left. Not as bad as it sounds and rare. $45

MIKE RINGO LIST, DEC, 1984

10. 1786 MBL, M.5.9-Q. Very Good to Fine, weakly struck in areas, but with a bold date. Nice color and no defects; a rare variety..... 50.00

BOWER'S 'BOYD, BRAND & RYDER' MAR 28, 1990

OBV TOO ROUGH

1786 M 5.9-Q

140-140-

1162 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.9-Q. Mailed Bust Left. 114.9 grains. Rarity-6-. F-12. Very granular, particularly the obverse, with some details obscured by the microscopic pitting. Clear outline of the planchet cutter lip visible on the reverse, from 7:00 to 11:00. Scarce variety, fewer than 30 pieces or so known. Die states later than Taylor:2376. Obverse shows clear sinking on shoulder and breast, reverse shows heavy break through the tops of LIB, subsidiary breaks extending to the left to the top of neighboring T, to the right, heavier, to the rim beside the end of the exergual line. $154

Ex Ryder Collection. Accompanied by a B. Max Mehl auction lot envelope, numbered "935," with Ryder's attribution thereon. Called "Fair" by Ryder.

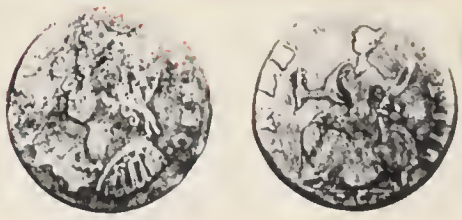
It is interesting to note that the Taylor Collection contained three examples of this variety, and the Norweb Collection two

On this specimen, the reverse ornament, which was said in the Taylor sale to resemble the Buddhist *vajra*, the symbolic thunderbolt wielded by Shiva, is here faint but its major outlines are discernible

STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1992

212 1786 M.5.9-Q (IOW r-6). 125.4 grains. Deep brown tone with somewhat lighter devices. Legends complete though weak in some areas, most of the date clear. The so-called "Hidden Ornament" on the upper reverse is easily seen. Strong Very Fine. DARK VG 121.00

Ex Taylor Sale (Bowers & Merena, March 27, 1987, lot 2377). 110.00



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EX. TAYLOR 3/27/87 LOT# 2377

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1983

2102 1786 ~~M.5.2-L. MBL. About Fine. Rarity-8. 123.2 grains. Brown. Flawed at obverse top, bottom reverse. Perfect states. Usual reverse orientation.~~ 1786 ~~M.5.7-H.1. MBL. Technically strong Very Fine. Low Rarity-5. 137.0 grains. Brown. Very granular, chised cut and bent. States as Taylor:2366~~; 1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL. About Fine. Low Rarity 6. Brown. Obverse micro-granular, reverse somewhat glossy and hard. Planchet cutter lip around much of obverse edge Obverse failing under AU; reverse appears perfect. 3 pieces 100 110 121.00

5.9-Q

ROSA AMERICANA LTD. (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

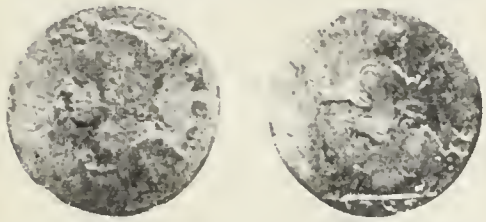
106 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.9-Q. Low Rarity-6. 98.9 grains. Good to Very Good. About half the legends visible on either side, but with a date that is full and bold. Medium brown, slightly rough surfaces, with some light horizontal striations across the cenral areas of either side, but with no post-striking damage or defect. A most difficult variety to locate in any grade, this is the first that we've had in stock in several years. Even Henry Miller, when he was writing his monograph on Connecticut coppers seventy-five years ago, was unable to locate a specimen that was very well preserved. One of the more interesting varieties in the 1786 obverse-5 family of dies, and one that should be of interest at only.....$59

The peculiar ornament found on this reverse is unlike any other ornament used in the series. Walter Breen considered it a crude trident while Michael Hodder noted its resemblance to the Vajra, the symbolic Buddhist thunderbolt. Both instances probably give a little more intellectual credit to the die engravers than would be justified!

Reverse Q.

INDE : - ET-LIB :

Neck long. Stem of branch ends in a line curving to left. Four short leaves on left of branch. Terminal leaf points at lower dot of colon and is distant from it. Lower dot of last colon on shield. Three longitudinal lines on globe. Pole has Liberty cap. Double date line, the lower one heavy. The character after INDE is only approximate. Specimens found are too poor to show it exactly. 5^9—Q



5^9 MILLER — Q PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1850 1786. C. 5 (9).-Q. Rarity 5. Good. 1.10

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1222 1786 ~~M.4.1-G. Mailed bust left. Very Good, some light porosity; M.5.4-O.1. Good,~~ ~~weak strike. Glossy deep brown; M.5.5-M (2). About Good. One with a plan-~~ ~~chet clip at the right obverse;~~ M.5.9-Q (R-5). About Good; ~~M.5.11-R (R-5).~~ ~~Good, some light planchet defects.~~ 6 pieces.

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COIN WORLD ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1990)

SEE NORWEB LOT # 2491

1786 copper
(Photo courtesy Bowers & Merena)

C 214. 1786 Copper. Draped bust left. M.5.6-M. Garrett Unc., $2,200. M.5.9-Q. Norweb AU-50, $1,760. M.5.10-L. Norweb EF-45, $1,320.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

165. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.9-Q. Ranty-6. 155.7 grains. Very Good, the obverse closer to the Fine level, the reverse a bit weaker, as struck. The obverse has a full legend, with nice design detail on the effigy. The reverse is weak at the E of INDE, the unique ornament following it, and Liberty's head, only the top of the date is still on the planchet. The strike is completely typical for this rare variety, and we note that when Henry Miller was writing his monograph on the series some 80 years ago, he was unable to locate a specimen for illustration that was well struck. Medium brown surfaces with some ruddy brown undertones, possibly recovering from an old cleaning, but with a fairly natural look. Although long rated a Low R-6, we note that the variety has been missing from most recent offerings of Connecticut coppers, and we have only handled one in the last half decade, the G/VG offered on our Tenth price list in 1995, and we suspect that it will prove to be a full R-6, if not high in that ranty level. This one is pedigreed to a B. Max Mehl sale, where it appeared as Lot 935 – anyone up for some research on figuring out which one?.....$159

Accompanied by the original Mehl auction envelope, actually a rare piece of numismatic ephemera, with the stamped Lot No. 935 and a handwritten description that appears to be in Hillyer Ryder's hand. Also with a paper Stack's envelope that dates from the 1950s.

5.9-Q

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1992

*2626 **1786 M 5.9-Q.** MBL. Low R-6. 116.5 gns. Net grade Choice Fine, obverse always softer in appearance than the reverse. Probable **Condition Census** for the variety. Nice olive and orange brown. Surfaces mostly smooth and hard. Nick in upper left obverse field. Nicer than Taylor:2376/7/8, Norweb:2485, the Bowers and Merena (3/90) coin, and pieces seen in three private collections. Norweb:2491 and Oechsner:1055 were exceptional. States equivalent to the Taylor coins'.

396.00 OK FINE

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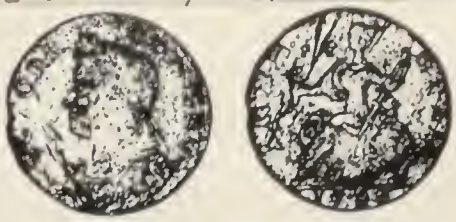
BOWER'S DONOVAN & HUDGENS SALE' NOV 18-19, 1993



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2011 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.9-Q. Mailed Bust Left. VF-20 for sharpness,** on a fissured and striated flan. **Rarity-6-.** 135.3 grains. Technically sharper than Taylor:2376 and 2377, but with moderately heavy obverse planchet fissures and edge irregularities. The reverse exhibits similar irregularities, and the punctuation device is obscured by heavy lines. An interesting specimen of a rare variety.

BOWER'S 'DONOVAN & HUDGENS SALE NOV 18-19, 1993

2012 1786 Connecticut copper. M 5.9-Q. Mailed Bust Left. G-4. **Rarity-6-.** 103.9 grains. Miller attribution number painted in obverse fields. Dark and uniformly porous overall, with some faint scratches at the top of the reverse. Vajra symbol plain and distinct.

99.00

From our sale of the Taylor Collection, March 1987, Lot 2378.

EX. TAYLOR

The interesting *Vajra* symbol was closely described by Michael Hodder under Lot 2377 in our sale of the Frederick B. Taylor Collection (March, 1987). Under that lot, Hodder notes: "The ornament which perplexed Miller and was indistinct in the Pine Tree/E.A.C. plate resembles, very closely, the right side of the Buddhist *vajra*, the symbolic thunderbolt." This mark is not always distinct on examples of M 5.9-Q.

SEE BOWER'S TAYLOR SALE MAR 27, 1987 LOT # 2378

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUP'S' APRIL 14, 1993

1975 **1786 M.4.1-G. Mailed Bust Left.** Net Very Good. Rarity 2. 125.2 gns. Gray-brown. Lightly granular. Small clip. Acceptable for the grade; **another.** Near basal state. 133.8 gns. Brown. Striated; **1786 M.5.8-O.2. MBL.** Fine/Very Good. **Rarity 6** (corrected). 143.4 gns. Orange brown. Verdigris spots both sides. Obverse damaged. Reverse swelling to left of head. "High Rarity 4" is much too low for this variety (if M.5.9-B.1 is R-6, then so is this!); **1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL.** Very Good/Fine. Low Rarity 6. 111.9 gns. Brown. Striated. Off-center both sides; **1786 M.5.11-R. MBL.** Fine. Low Rarity 6. 126.2 gns. Golden brown. Once cleaned. Pitted; **1786 M.5.14-S. MBL.** Net About Good. **Rarity 6.** 125.3 gns. Dark. Pitted. Scratched. "Sword" not visible. 6 pieces.

175.00 192.50

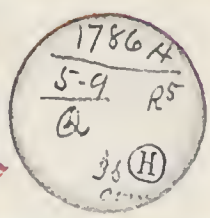
STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

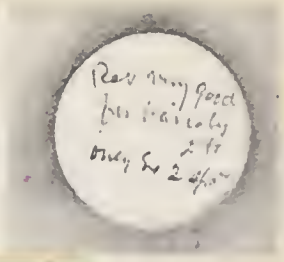
40 **1786 M.5.0-M. MBL. R-6** (revised). Very Good, very granular, deep olive. 112.1 gns. Obverse failing around center, reverse from date across legs to I; **M.5.9-Q. MBL.** R-5 (revised). Good/Very Good, obverse scratched. 115.1 gns. Not bad for a variety whose CC seems to be AU-EF-F! Die states uncertain. 2 pieces.

60/85 60/93

Round card ticket with circle H accompanies the second coin in this lot. Ticket annotated on back "Rev. very good for variety."

R. MARTIN





5.9-Q

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.9-Q
EXTREMELY FINE, WEAK STRIKE

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1786 M.5.9-Q #9459? HALL-SHUMWAY,1919.
(F12) EXTREMELY FINE.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
1786 M.5.9-Q #9469? HALL-SHUMWAY,1919.
(F12) VERY FINE, MOTTLED.

McCABLEY & GRELLMAN CY SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1895

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129. M12 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5-9-Q MBL (R-5) VF20 110.4 gns. Light brown but the obverse is dry with tiny surface fissures much like baked mud at the bottom of a gully. That and some garden variety porosity significantly detract from the otherwise strong detail. The reverse is smoother but with scattered porosity. It has a weak strike at the top of Seated Liberty's head and a clip below the date that barely touches it. No reverse rotation.

5.9-Q

1786 M.5.9-Q FINE DETAIL, ROUGH. FEW DEFECTS & SCRAPES
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION???

1786 5.9-Q ANS ASCENSION 2005 (BARNSLEY)

5.9-Q

5.10-L

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

58 1786. M. 5.10—L. R-5. First colon only leans left; break through NE; E first cut low than corrected. Rev. cracked through tops of all letters, unlisted advanced die failures in fields. **Some details fully VF**, others—mostly in centers—weaker; light brown with various mottlings. Several tiny rim nicks. **Second, in our experience**, only to that in New Netherlands 51st sale; somewhat finer than the "Promised Lands" coin; others seen are more worn, including the Miller Plate coin. **(Photo) ($200.–up)**

$200

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75

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EAC '75 SALE FEB 15, 1975

332* 1786. M. 5.10–L. Compare lot 58, R–5. **Good** but struck a little off–center so that almost all of date is off flan. Late die state, crack through tops of all rev. letters, die beginning to fail in rev. field. **(Photo)** **($60.–up)**

$55

*Bids accepted by mail only.

EAC '75

RAGIN'S 1983 ANA SALE' AUG 16, 1983

70 1786 M.5 1-L R-5. Basically VF as described when the identical coin appeared as Lot 58 at the EAC Sale. Not in Garrett, and according to Breen second finest known, superior to Miller, Promised Lands. Way up in condition census. One cut on head, two minor rim nicks, flan defect at 11 o'clock. Most important specimen. 357.50

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

77 1786. Mailed bust l. M. 5[10]-L. **Uncirculated**, or practically so; faded mint red and brown. Very weakly struck in centers; sharp around peripheral regions. The weakly impressed area of the obverse revealing planchet granularity and defects. Another very important coin, probably the finest known of the variety. (Note our observation at the end of lot 71's description.) **($40.00)**

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1786 M 5.10-L

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE WEAK XF

Possible Finest Known

HALL

TAYLOR

2379 1786 Connecticut. M 5.10-L. Mailed Bust Left. 128.0 grains. **Rarity-6. EF-45 or finer.** A difficult coin to grade due to the softly struck up central details. Light golden tan, with suggestive hints of mint lustre on the obverse. Reverse somewhat rougher. Some areas of the obverse are as sharp as could be expected on a fully Uncirculated specimen. We are sure this piece will provide hours of friendly discussion among those interested in the technical grading problems of Connecticut coppers. Superior to the Pine Tree/E.A.C. sale specimen, no finer auctioned to our knowledge. Attribution number painted on the edge.

Ex Dr. Hall, Brand; New Netherlands 51st Sale, June 1958, Lot 77.

$770

TO R. MARTIN

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

551 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.10-L (R-4). VF-EF. Planchet striae. Reverse misaligned 180 degrees. One of the finest known specimens of this die variety.

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BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

552 1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.10-L (R-4). Duplicate. Very Fine or slightly better. Reverse rotated 70 degrees from the normal axis.

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BOWERS "SIPE-NESS SALE" JAN 26-28, 1984

383 1786 Connecticut. *Mailed Bust Left* general type as preceding. M5 10-L. Very Good. Lettering and date clear. Dark brown surface

44

PINE TREE "PROMISED LANDS" APR. 30 1974

256 1786. Mailed bust left. M. 5.10–L. **Between Fine and VF, some details surely VF**, centers weaker as usual; struck on the usual defective and slightly porous planchet. All lettering and part of serrated border on flan. Unlisted cracks through tops of all rev. letters. **Rare, listed as R–4 on a 6–point scale.**

125

5.10-L

BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972
1786 Mailed bust left. 5.10-L (R-4). Fine $45.00; Very Fine #14. 105.00
BOWER'S 'RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970
1786 Mailed bust left. 5.10-L. (R-4). Very Good RCR #7 9/70 25.00

PINE TREE SALE JUNE 19, 1978
210 1786 Mailed Bust Left. "Company for Coining Coppers." ~~M.4.1-G (R-2). Good, with charcoal and dark brown patina, very late die state. M.5.4-0.1. (R-2) Fine, peeling-type lamination defect of central obv. M.5.5-M. (R-3) some details VG, most others G.~~ M.5.10-L. (R-5) Very Good, rev. weak due to die failure, 4 Pcs.
$70 ALSO PINE TREE SALE JAN 8, 1977

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989
5.10-L 1786 F-/VG R5
5.10-L 1786 VG/VG R5 Very large, thin, planchet

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985
44) 1786 M.5.10-L Good or better. Dark olive green patina.
45) 1786 M.5.10-L Very Fine-30. Smooth light tan. (No Provenance)

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988
1 OF 5 PIECES M
LOT 2485 5.10-L. AG-3/Fair-2. Rarity-6. 125.5 grains. 28.1mm. 210°. Very worn, two partial punctures on the obverse, attribution of this piece not guaranteed. (Total: 5 pieces)
All purchased between 1913-1915. NORWEB

BOWER'S 'MURRAY, SWOPE' SEPT 9-11, 1985
LOT # 1804 1786 Mailed Bust Left. Miller-5.10-L, Very Fine, another nice example:
1 OF 4 PIECES

MILLER 5.10-L PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920
1851 1786. Rx. INDE: ET. LIB:. C. 5 (10)-L. Crosby supplement. Fine to V.F. 1-70

1786 5.10-L WHT. 133.7 GRAINS FINE +. DEFECT THROUGH "O" OF CONNEC.
D. SONDERMAN FPL, 1979 — ROBERT MARTIN 12/3/85 — R. GEARY

HENRY GARRETT LIST JUNE 18, 1983
1786 M5.10-L.R5.VG $100.00

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1990
2. 1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.10-L. Fine for the variety, with the central reverse and date area weakly impressed. Smooth tan surfaces with no problems of note. A scarcer variety, and nice for an '86..... 150.00

PINE TREE 'E. MORTON SALE' OCT 18, 1975
540 1786. Mailed Bust Left. "Company for Coining Coppers." ~~M.4.1-G (R-2). Good, with charcoal and dark brown patina, very late die state. M.5.4-0.1 (R-2). Fine, peeling-type lamination defect of central obv., no other noticeable defects. M.5.5-M (R-3) some details VG, most others G.~~ M.5.10-L (R-5) Very Good, rev. weak due to die failure, usual light planchet flaws. (For comparison see respectively lots 37, 47, 48, and 58 of our L.A.C. sale.) 4 pcs. ($300-360)
80

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST, 1979 WHT. 133.7 GRAINS
1786 Mailed Bust Left, M.5.10-L, (R-5), standard Buell hubs. Fine or better, with one planchet defect through O of CONNEC. Light brown color, with otherwise pleasing surfaces... TO R. MARTIN ... 45.00

5.10-L

STACK'S 'BOYD RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

*45 1786 M.5.10-L. MBL. High R-6 (revised). Granular Fine, light linear flaws both sides near the rim. Obverse planchet cutter lip 12 to 6:00. Hall attribution number painted on the obverse. We have records of only nine examples of 5.10-R, including this and the next, and feel the rarity rating should be raised to R-6+. Obverse die failure over UC, reverse state uncertain.

650 550 605

Round card ticket with circle H accompanies this lot.

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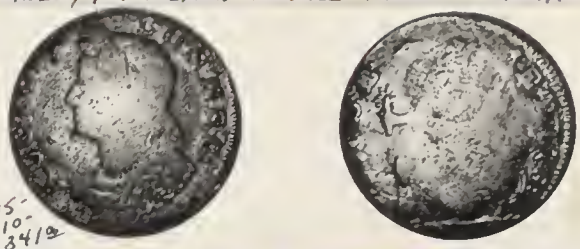
McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995



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130. M13 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.10-L MBL (High R-6) VG10 131.0 gns. Centers very weak, suggestive there of a lower grade while the legends have the crispness of a full fine. A pleasing chocolate brown color with surfaces that are a bit too smooth, probably having been burnished at some time. There are some hairlines at the upper body of Seated Liberty. Struck off center left and high obverse, left and low reverse with the resultant loss of the tops of a few letters and the bottom of the date. Overall though quite an acceptable example of a scarce variety. Reverse rotated 20 degrees.

1786 M.5.10-L VERY FINE. NICE COLOR & SURFACES
HIGH CONDITION CENSUS. WHT. 143.8 GRAINS.
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION APRIL,1995.

5.10-L

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Reverse L of 1786

Arrows indicate two endpoints of the sixteen point border punch. Note the effect of improper alignment of two sections directly above the head. Typical additions after hubbing include leaves on olive branch, embellishment to border design of shield, Liberty Cap on staff, and punctuation and ornamentation in legend.

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CONNECTICUTS IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS E. BARNSLEY

While on the subject of numismatic metrology, perhaps some work should be done on recording the diameter of Connecticuts as well as their thickness, even although this series was never struck with collars on the dies to restrain metal flow. To illustrate how great such expansion can become, I measured my ellipsoidal 4.1-B.1 of 1788 struck over a Nova 4-D.

I found that its long axis is 1 11/64 inch compared to the 60/64 inch diameter of a normally struck Nova 4-D. This "squashing out" of 15/64 inch suggests to me that the second coining operation was done with a hot planchet. What do you think? Of course, some Connecticuts come on larger-than-normal planchets anyway. For example, I find that these three varieties all measure uniformly 1 3/64 inch: 5.10-L of 1786, 6.1-M of 1787, and 33.10-W.6 of 1787. I would say that the average diameter of a single struck Connecticut Copper is 1 inch, but several hundred pieces should be measured in order to get an accurate norm.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE EXTREMELY RARE MILLER 5.10-L

107 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.10-L. High Rarity-6. 110.8 grains. Fine overall. Generally well struck, with full legends and date (though the last digit is just a bit weak). Struck from the very late state of the dies, with much buckling on either side, especially at the central reverse where the die has almost completely failed (even with this die failure, the unique branch is quite bold). Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with some lighter highlights. The obverse has one small area of roughness at the lower left and there are two ancient reverse scratches that now blend in well with the surfaces. Condition is almost irrelevant for this amazingly rare variety which is missing from most large collections of Connecticut coppers. We've only been able to locate three auction appearance for the last two decades! The '75 EAC coin was Very Fine, the Taylor coin was a weak EF [but still probably the finest known] and the example in the Stack's June, 1994 sale was an unattractive and rough Fine that brought $605. The variety was completely missing from some of the largest offerings of Connecticut coppers ever: there were none in the Garrett, Roper, Robison, Picker, Hessberg, Oechsner or Perkins collections; the coin offered in the Norweb collection was misattributed and was actually a 5.2-L. Needless to say, the variety is on just about every want list of Connecticuts, even those of advanced collectors in the series. This is the first example that we've ever been able to offer for sale, and once it's sold it may be years before another is available!.....$519

PINE TREE 'EAC'75' FEB 15, 1975 5.10-P

59 **1786. M. 5.10—P.** R-6, probably fairly high in that rarity level. Earlier state of same obv., rev, with ET-LIB (hyphen, not pellet). **Some details nearly VF,** others weak and indefinite as struck, including EC and Ms. Liberty's head; light tan and steel, rather fewer and smaller plachet defects than usual; Only one offered in recent years (Appleton–MHS, Oct. 1970), "Fine" weakened by die failures. From the Bowers 1972 list, well up into three figures; earlier, believed ex Craige. $310 **(Photo) ($300.–up)**

$310

EAC'75

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BOWER'S 'TAYLOR' MARCH 27, 1987

TO DEFECTIVE

TAYLOR

2380 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.10-P. Mailed Bust Left.** 152.9 grains. **High Rarity-6. VF-20.** Sharpness of VF-20, but on a fairly rough planchet with numerous fissures, one notably on the reverse. Reverse struck slightly off center, or on a flan too small for the dies, and consequently no trace of the bulge described at the base of the reverse die is noticable here. Date off flan. Obverse legend full, but the last two letters of the first word are somewhat indistinct. *Obtained from Richard Picker.*

$88

BOWERS '1st NAT'L BANK DENVER' JUNE 23, 1987

2030 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.10-P.** 152.9 grains. **High Rarity-6. VF-20.** Rough planchet, with numerous fissures, but sharpness equivalent to the technical grade. Reverse slightly off center, date off flan.

STACK'S "MASS. HIST. SOC" OCT 23, 1970 'MHS'

126 **1786 Miller 5.10-P.** Fine. Rarity 5. A rare variety and difficult to find in any condition. This one, in the later state of the dies, has TOR and part of I, as well as 17, the foot and I of INDE obliterated by the bulge. The other parts of the coin are well struck up. There are a few defects in the planchet, the only important one being on the reverse. An excellent coin for the specialist interested in die states. A medium brown. $35 –

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

553 **1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.10-P (R-5).** Abt. Fine. $20 –

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1972

2627 **1786 M 5.10-P.** MBL. High R-6. 144.7 gns. Fine Poor. Dark golden brown. Both surfaces granular. Light obverse, heavy reverse scratches. Reverse flawed at top. States as Taylor:2380. VG/POOR SCRATCHES

110.00

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

75 – 80 –

Lot No. 1056

DARK, SCRATCHES

OECHSNER

1056 **1786 Miller 5.10-P.** Mailed bust left. **(High R-6).** 132.8 grains. **Very Good,** some field scratches. Full legends, but lower part of the date off the flan. Deep brown with lighter devices.

$88 –

STACK'S "ESSEX INSTITUTE" FEB 6, 1975

31 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.10-P. Rarity 5. Mailed bust facing left. Full legends, date, bust, etc., perfectly centered and a sharp strike. Medium brown. Fine. $75 –

BOWER'S NEWPORT COLL' JAN 30, 1975

38 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.10-P. Mailed bust left. Rarity 5. Obverse VG, reverse Abt. Good.

15 –

BOWER'S "KRUG JOHANN SALE MAY 13-14, 1976

10 Pair of Connecticut coppers (1) 1786 Mailed bust left. Miller 5.10-P. Rarity 5. F-VF. Weakness due to striking at lower right part of obverse and corresponding area of reverse, otherwise quite sharp.

52.50

5.10-P

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.10-P (R-5). Fair $11.00; G-VG, from the Norman Bryant Collection, the finest Mr. Bryant was able to obtain in many years of specializing in Connecticut coppers $69.00; Fine, a spectacular coin (when the preceding Bryant coin comment is considered) RCR #14, APR, 1972 . . . . 149.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7 SEPT, 1970

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.10-P. (R-5). ~~Fair $11.00~~; Good RCR #7 19.00

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BANSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.10-P	1786 F+/F-	R6	Slight red coating each side
5.10-P	1786 F/F-	R6	Planchet defects.
5.10-P	1786 VG+/V	R6	Striations.

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY

5.10-P 6361 (10) VERY GOOD (10)

1786 Copper VG 9.23g 180° ANA MUSEUM Miller 5.10-P (R5)

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

46) 1786 M.5.10-P Good/Very Good (5). Slightly off center affecting tops of some legends. Planchet defects and striation on obverse and reverse.

47) 1786 M.5.10-P Very Fine (30-35). Pleasing glossy mottled brown. White ink attribution. (No Provenance)

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

36 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.10-P (R-6) VERY GOOD-8. Condition census.
$80-

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1852 1786. Crosby 5 (10)-P. Good. .50

M.R.R.C.A EAC '91 "MIDNIGHT SALE APRIL 25, 1981

Lot 4: 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.10-P, High Rarity-6! Some details Good, most Fair. Dark, granular. Most of legends & 86 just visible, CONNEC strong; without most of the usual planchet defects. **40/45, Spencer**

1786 M.5.10-P Wht. 10.05 Grams (155.1 Grains).Extremely Fine. Nice Color. Few Minimal Plqnchet Striations. Ex. Dr. Thomas Hall Collection. White Edge Ink Attribution.Finest Known. Jim Goudge Collection, 1975 Glendale, Calif. Show.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

114 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.10-P. High Rarity 6. 128.6 grains. Details of near Very Fine in some areas, solid Fine in others. The legends and date are all complete (unusual), and except for the I of AUCTORI, bold and sharp (even more unusual). Medium brown planchet with one rather deep obverse lamination and a smaller one on the reverse—this variety usually comes on heavily flawed planchet like the Taylor and Picker reference collection coins. There are a number of ancient scratches on either side which aren't visible at first glance but which become more and more annoying with each subsequent glance. Still, they really don't matter all that much because this is a legitimately rare variety—missing in Hessberg, the Ryder-Boyd sales and the Norweb collection, for instance—and the few that have been offered recently have been in much lower grade—the Oechsner coin was a VG and the Perkins duplicate was a VG/F. In his cataloguing of the Perkins duplicates, Michael Hodder noted that he had only seen 8 specimens, which suggests that the variety might actually be a bit rarer than even a High R-6 rating! A chance for the Connecticut specialist to pick up one of the tougher varieties.....$149

1786 M.5.10-P Wht.153.2 Grains. Very Good/Good. Smooth. Some details obscured by swelling.
Ken mote to mike Spencer 12/7/96.

5.10-P

STACK'S 'PERKINS COLL SALE' MARCH 18, 1993

*2115 **1786 M.5.10-P. MBL. Overall Fine. High Rarity 6.** 162.5 grains. Even, deep olive green. Surfaces uniformly granular, appear hard. Striations through base obverse; small pit at reverse center. Center of obverse soft due to die failure there; periphery of reverse flatly struck. Small edge bruise over first reverse E gives the impression of die failure there. About equal, overall, to Oechsner:1056. **Very scarce:** we have seen only eight examples of this variety. This is the heaviest we have recorded.

100 140 154

2115

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

124 **1786 ~~M.5.5-M. Another. About Good to Very Good, rough, verdigris. 95.7 gns.~~ M.5.10-P. MBL. High R-6.** Very Good, sharpness of Fine in places. Dark brown and black, uniformly granular but well centered and quite scarce. 2 pieces.

25 110 121.25

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

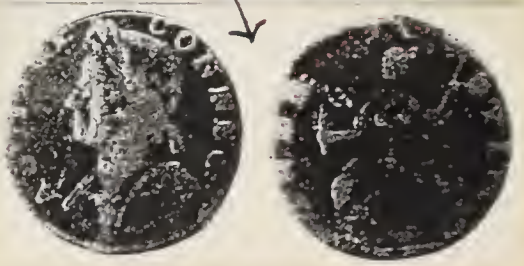
43 **1786 M.5.10-P. MBL. R-6** (revised). About Fine/Good. 122.2 gns. Olive-green and brown. Both sides rough, granular, and flawed. Partial planchet cutter lip visible around lower left obverse rim. No serious accidental damage, just a rather flawed specimen. Die states as Taylor:2380.

75 75 82.50

We have seen 13 of these, and suggest that the rarity rating be dropped from R-6+ to the level we have assigned it.

STEVE HAYDEN FIXED PRICE LIST # 2 OCT. 1996

8 Conn 1786 D.B.L. M. 5.10-P R6 VG+ 135.9 grains. Brown with darker surfaces. Two large reverse digs, one above head to rim and the other above branch hand both effecting the obverse more so by the former. Reverse flaw near missing date. Obverse "n" shaped flaw or more likely old scratch around the nose. Missing from Norweb and Hessberg. Rare above Fine. I only have records of 9 examples in my data base of nearly 6,000 Connecticuts. 225.00



STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

46 **1786 M.5.10-P. MBL. High R-6** (revised). Fine, dark olive, light striations, bent. 139.3 gns. Small dent top of obverse but still the **Miller sale coin.** J. ROCK

75 140 154

From Thomas Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1852; Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

1786 MILLER 5.10-P
THE HENRY CLAY MILLER SPECIMEN!

108 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.10-P. High Rarity-6. 139.3 grains. About Very Fine, quite close to the full VF level. Well struck, with full legends, most of the date and good design detail on either side. Medium brown and light olive surfaces, with a few insignificant planchet striations on the reverse that do not detract in the least; the variety usually comes on wretched planchet stock, as can be seen by looking at the coins in the Taylor and Picker reference collections. Free of post-striking dents, nicks or other annoying problems. This is also a damed difficult variety, missing from such notable sales as Hessberg and Norweb. When it does come up for sale, the grade is invariably low—Oeschner had a VG and the Perkins piece was a VG/F. Indeed, in the cataloguing of the Perkins sale, Michael Hodder noted that he had only seen 8 specimens of the variety (raised to 9 by Stack's June, 1994 sale). A very attractive specimen, that is made even more desirable by an illustrious pedigree: this is the HENRY CLAY MILLER coin, and was Lot 1852 in the 1920 sale of his collection by Thomas Elder. This coin is accompanied by Hillyer Ryder's handwritten lot ticket. The few Miller sale coins that weren't purchased by collectors at the various sales of the John J. Ford duplicates have now virtually disappeared from the marketplace as they've been quickly absorbed into major holdings—and this certainly makes a lot of sense, as what could be sexier than to have a coin pedigreed directly to the collection of the man who wrote the book on Connecticut coppers?.....$429

The pedigree is Henry Miller-Hillyer Ryder-Wayte Raymond-F.C.C. Boyd-John J. Ford, Jr; as mentioned in the text, Ryder's handwritten lot ticket accompanies this lot.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD. (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

109 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.10-P, another. 133.6 grains. Very Good to Fine. The A of AUCTORI and the DE of INDE are weak, though the rest of the legends are sharp and strong. The date is almost completely off the planchet. Medium golden brown, with a few light laminations, the largest being on the obverse but well hidden in the mail. No post-striking damage, and overall a very pleasing example of this notoriously difficult variety. To have two examples on the same price list is truly an unusual event! If the above coin is a little too pricey, this one is not all that bad of a substitute at only.....$99

5.10-P

1786 M.5.10-P WHT. 143.1 GRAINS FINE
KEN MOTE COLLECTION APRIL, 1995

1786 M.5.10-P CHOICE EXTREMELY FINE. FINEST KNOWN.
Ex. DR. THOMAS HALL. WHITE INK ATTRIBUTION ON EDGE
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION APRIL, 1995.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

97 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.10-P. High Rarity-6. 147.6 grains. Choice Fine/Very Good, the reverse weaker than the obverse. Full bold legends on the obverse, a bit flat on the effigy's face, but with some detail in the mailing. The reverse has a strong INDE, but the rest of the legends and the date are not visible, as struck. The branch is complete and strong, making identification quick and easy. Medium brown surfaces, generally hard. A few light laminations on either side do not detract from the overall appearance of the coin. A notoriously difficult variety, missing from many sales, like Hessberg and Norweb. When it does come up, the grade is invariably low — Oeschner's was VG and Perkins had a VG/F. In the cataloguing of that latter sale, Michael Hodder noted that he had only seen 8 specimens, raised to 9 by Stack's June, 1994 sale. A real find for the specialist.....$129

From the Rob Retz collection of Connecticut coppers.

5.10-P

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 12 SPRING 1997

98 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.10-P, another! 128.6 grains. Nearly Fine/Very Good. The obverse has much detail of a full Fine grade, including some mailing on the bust, though CTO of AUCTORI is quite weak. The reverse has about half of the legends visible as well as the top half of the date, though all are faint. Medium brown surfaces, the devices a lighter tan color. The obverse has a pronounced planchet cutter lip around much of the periphery. A rare opportunity for the specialist to add an affordable example of a High R-6 coin to their holdings!.....$109

The present coin is in an old Stack's paper envelope, circa 1950. According to the person we purchased the coin from, he obtained it directly from that firm in the late 50's. See the following lot for another coin with this type of flip.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIL #14 SUMMER 1999

THE VERY RARE MILLER 5.10-P

132. 1786 Connecticut Copper. Miller 5.10-P. High Rarity-6. 128.5 grains. Fine/Very Good, the reverse weaker than the obverse, as always found on the variety. Full obverse legends, a bit weak at the very top and bottom of the bust, as struck. The reverse has full legends, ETLIB a bit faint, and only a trace of the date; the central parts of Liberty are weak, though the branch is full and strong, making the identification of the reverse quick and certain. Medium brown planchet with olive overtones. A couple of light pre-striking flaws on either side, none of which are very serious or detracting, and overall the piece has significant eye appeal for the grade. A notoriously difficult variety to obtain in any condition, let alone with any sort of eye appeal. Missing from many major sales like Hessberg and Norweb, and usually quite lowgrade when it is offered – such at the VG in Oecshner and the VG/F in the Perkins sale. As a telling comment on rarity, we note that in describing the Perkins piece, Michael Hodder noted that he had only seen 8 specimens, though that number was raised to 9 with the offering in Stack's June, 1994 sale (the Henry Miller specimen, which we offered on our Tenth price list). Even more telling, the condition of pieces offered have been quite low. The nicest we have records of is the VF+ piece in the EAC '75 sale, followed by the flawed VF Taylor coin. From there it drops to a Fine piece in the collection of The Colonial Newsletter Foundation and Fine but granular ones in the first and third sales of the Perkins' duplicates. The Picker Reference Collection piece was graded Fine/Poor, while Oecshner's was a solid VG, and the piece in the Stack's June, 1995 sale was graded VG/G. While we sold the aforementioned Miller specimen, we haven't had another one in nearly a decade, despite the fact that we tend to specialize in the Connecticut issues. It was also completely missing from such legendary offerings of Connecticut coppers as Hessberg, Norweb, Garrett, Roper, Steinberg, Kessler-Spangenberger, Robison, New Netherland's 51st and 60th sales, the various C4 Convention sales, Schenkel, Morton, the Massachusetts Historical Society and others. Quite a find for the specialist, and a coin that will not be upgraded without spending a LOT more money – and probably several years of searching!.....$199

From the Rob Retz collection of Connecticut coppers.

5.10-P

5.11-R

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

Possibly Finest Known 1786 M. 5.11-R

60 **1786. M. 5.11—R.** High R-6, nearly R-7. Minute colon dots; double impressions (as hubbed) on all letters, armor, and some hair details. Rev. Seven-dot ornament after INDE:. **Very Fine,** usual uneven strike, weakening tops of ORI and I of date, but **excellent surfaces suggesting a grade higher than VF,** with far fewer lamination defects than usual, and only faint granularity; pale reddish brown. **Finest known to us,** slightly exceeding the Dr. Hall, Brand coin, and by a wider margin finer than the Miller Plate coin, that in the Bowers list (called "F–VF,") or lot 74 of New Netherlands 51st sale. Norman Bryant's was only Fair. **Ex Stepney Hoard, attribution inked on by a later owner;** the single example which enabled a complete description of these dies (Miller's description is sketchy and incomplete because those he had seen were much worn.) **(Photo)** $360 **($500.–up)**

$360

EAC'75

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PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

511 **1786. M. 5. 11-R** (high R-6). **Fine overall,** some details VF.

NOT SOLD

Tops of AUCTOR just touch rim and are weakly struck due to scattered planchet flaws in that area (and much of obv.). Date bold and clear. INDE bleeds off flan. Light planchet clip above first N of CONNEC. Even brown. Compare 1975 E. A. C. lots 60 and 333 at $175.

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988 DARK

2493 1786 Connecticut. M 5.11-R. VG-8. Rarity-6–. 127.5 grains. 28.1mm. 175°. Dark. Porous. Numerous scratches from an old cleaning. *Purchased between 1913-1915.*

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NORWEB

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

554 **1786 Mailed Bust Left. 5.11-R (R-5).** G-VG, with the ostensibly low grade due more to striking than to actual wear. Scarce issue.

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H.E.M. INC "PHILLIPS COLL" FEB 11, 12, 1983

1027 **1786. M.5.11-R** (R-6) VG+-F.

Even medium brown toning, nearly full date, but planchet flaws and weak centers. $95

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.5.11-R
FINE, DARK

A Condition Census Rarity

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

333 **1786.** M. 5.11–R. Minute colon dots, those after I too weak to show; double impressions (as hubbed) on letters, armor and some hair details; 7–dot ornament after INDE: **High R–6, nearly R–7;** compare lot 60. Few details **Very Fine, the rest Fine, surfaces Fine,** medium brown, devices slightly highlighted; **light planchet crack,** other very minor defects. **Very slightly finer than the Miller Plate coin,** or any other offered publicly aside from the above–mentioned lot 60. **In the Condition Census for this great rarity. (Photo)** $175 **($275.–400.)**

$175

EAC'75

333

PINE TREE "EAC'76 SALE" MARCH 5, 1976

2108 **1786. M. 5.11-R.** (High R-6) **Fine or better,** few details nearer to VF. Excellent match for lot 492, Elizabeth Morton sale, though the all-important ornament is still clearer on the present coin than on that or EAC lot 60; struck on the same kind of planchet with the same kind of defects. **Well up in the Condition Census,** probably tied for third finest. A very important example of this rarity. **(Photo)** **($125.-150.)**

$200

Minute colon dots, double impressions on all letters, armor and elsewhere. Rev. Seven dot ornament after INDE.

2108

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

OK VG10
OK COLOR

TAYLOR

2381 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.11-R. Mailed Bust Left.** 155.2 grains. Low Rarity-6. VG-8/VG-8 or finer. Smooth planchet, just a few minor flaws. Deep, golden brown. An interesting specimen, as it shows that the obverse and reverse dies were failing from their circumferences inwards through a series of developing chips, which here obscure parts of the legends and the final digit of the date. Not in the Condition Census for the variety, but with more features of interest to the technical numismatist than usually found.

$99

TAYLOR SALE

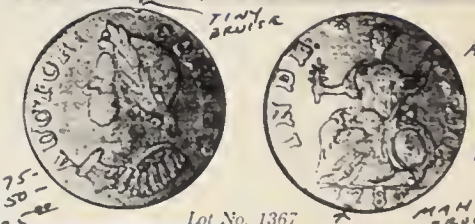
2382 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.11-R. Mailed Bust Left.** 146.5 grains. Low Rarity-6. VG-8. A second example, somewhat soft on a striated flan. Chocolate brown and mahogany. Included by Taylor as an earlier state of the obverse, without the chips noticable on the example in the preceding lot. Full reverse date. TAYLOR

$38.50

UNEVEN STRIKE

STACK'S "HESSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

TINY BRUISE



AMONG FINEST
DR. HALL
HESSBERG

575-
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Lot No. 1367

RIM DING
MAHOGANY BROWN - SMOOTH

1367 **1786 Miller 5.11-R** (Low R-6). 137 grains. Mailed bust left, tiny rosette of 7 dots between INDE: and Liberty's head. Smooth deep glossy brown, pleasing amount of detail. Very Fine.

Ex Dr. Thomas Hall collection.

COIN GALLERIES 'PICKER REF. COLL' JULY 22, 1982

2628 **1786 M 5.11-R.** MBL. Low R-6. 152.4 gns. Fine. Dark golden brown. Both surfaces granular. Scratched, pit in center of reverse. About equivalent to Taylor:2381, nicer than Taylor:2382 and specimens seen in four private collections. States uncertain but probably perfect. This variety is typically found in Very Good-Fine condition. VG/FINE BIT TOO DARK

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NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

37 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.11–R (High R–6) VERY GOOD 10, minor planchet drifts, lightly cleaned. Rarely seen above Good.

$60

5.11-R

BOWER'S "E. WILLING SALE" JUNE 24-25, 1976

800 1786 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. Miller 5.11-R. F-VF. A 20 pleasing specimen of this very scarce die variety.

ONE OF TWO FINEST KNOWN

PINE TREE "ELIZ. MORTON" SALE OCT 18, 1975

492 **1786. M. 5.11—R. (Nearly R-7)** Minute colon dots; double hubbed on all letters, armor, and some hair details Rev. Seven dot ornament after INDE:. **Very Fine,** usual uneven strike, weakening parts of back hair, but overall this is **at least equal in sharpness to lot 60, EAC sale,** called **"possibly finest known."** The surfaces are of classical VF-30 quality, light brown and beautifully smooth, though with a small plain planchet defect at forelock and a longer thinner one at lower drapery. **Finer than the Miller Plate coin,** or any of the others mentioned in the EAC sale. **A most extraordinary specimen, one of two finest ever seen by us. (Photo)** $275—($250.-300.)

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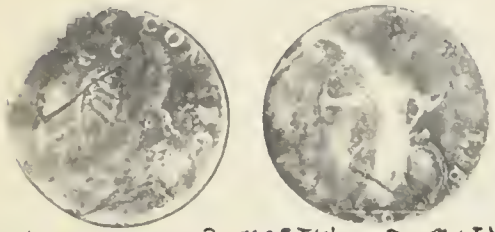
BOWERS "HOKE GREEN SALE" JUNE 10-11, 1985



DOUBLE STRUCK

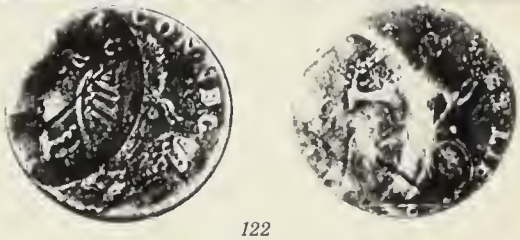
124.7 GRAINS R. MARTIN — D. MITUZAS

2319 Connecticut mint error. 1786 Mailed Bust left. Miller 5.11-R. Spectacularly double struck on the obverse, with the lower part of the bust appearing twice. Very Good. A nice display piece for the Connecticut specialist and a rare variety besides. $71.50

HERITAGE "SALE" FEB 21-23, 1985

354 1786 Connecticut VERY GOOD (8/8) Mailed Bust Left. Miller 5.11-R(?) (High R-6, possibly R-7). Spectacular double strike. Due to the granularity of the planchet, absolute identification is difficult. We base our attribution on the position of the colon after the B in LIB and the single date line. The double striking is most evident on the obverse where a second bust is plain. If this piece is correctly attributed it is one of the few offerings of this rare variety since the 1975 EAC: 60 coin.

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST NOV, 1990



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Stock # WHT. 124.7 GRAINS Price

122 **1786** Miller 5.11-R (Low R-6). Mailed bust left. Dramatic **double-struck** obverse shows second impression covering almost half of the coin's surface, the reverse shows distortion of this bold strike. Generally even wear, deep red-brown and dark brown. **Fine.** $250.00

PINE TREE "FUN '77" JAN 8, 1977

14 **1786. M. 5.11-R.** (High R-6) Minute colon dots, armor with doubling; 7-dot ornament after INDE:. **Very Good, some details at left Fine,** others at r. weak; the 7-dot ornament unusually bold. Planchet defect atop first E on rev. One of the first of these to be identified; discovered sometime around World War I, possibly even the discovery coin. Attribution 5 11 R in left field (now faint), M in r. obv. field (still fainter)—a former owner stupidly tired to remove these, unaware of their historic origin. Ex Henry Clay Miller coll., the attribution in his handwriting, the M referring to what appear to have been his first-line collection. The weak uneven striking of this coin accounts for the incompleteness of his 1920 description of the variety! **(Photo)**

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PINE TREE "FUN '77 SALE" JAN 8, 1977

15 **1786. Another M. 5.11-R. Good,** very weak uneven strike as usual for the variety. Most of AUCTO and DE off flan. Usual linear planchet defects.

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.11-R (R-5). Good $22.00; VG, holed $12.00; F-VF RARE COIN REVIEW #14, APR. 1972 . . . . 105.00

RARE COIN REVIEW #30, 1978

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.11 R (R 5). VG 8 RCR #30, 1978 . 59.00

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUPS' APRIL 14, 1993

1975 **1786 M.4.1-G. Mailed Bust Left.** Net Very Good. Rarity 2. 125.2 gns. Gray-brown. Lightly granular. Small clip. Acceptable for the grade; **another.** Near basal state. 133.8 gns. Brown. Striated; **1786 M.5.8-O.2. MBL.** Fine/Very Good. **Rarity 6** (corrected). 143.4 gns. Orange-brown. Verdigris spots both sides. Obverse damaged. Reverse swelling to left of head. "High Rarity 4" is much too low for this variety (if M.5.9 B.1 is R-6, then so is this!); **1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL.** Very Good/Fine. Low Rarity 6. 111.9 gns. Brown. Striated. Off-center both sides; **1786 M.5.11-R. MBL.** Fine. Low Rarity 6. 126.2 gns. Golden brown. Once cleaned. Pitted; **1786 M.5.14-S. MBL.** Net About Good. **Rarity 6.** 125.3 gns. Dark. Pitted. Scratched. "Sword" not visible. **6** pieces.

The first, ex H. Melnick Sale (November 4, 1983, part of lot 96), the last two, from Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection (the first sold intact to Ned Barnsley).

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLLECTION) 1989

5.11-R	1786 [illegible]	R6+	
5.11-R	1786 [illegible]	R6+	Slight red coating obverse.
5.11-R	1786 [illegible]	R6+	Heavy striations.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

5.11-R.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN, 1985

48) 1786 M.5.11-R Fine. Olive green patina.

NEW NETHERLAND'S '51st SALE' JUNE 18, 1958

74 ~~M. 5¹¹-F and~~ 5¹¹-R. ~~First with cross after INDE~~; second with hexafoil after INDE. ~~Fair and~~ almost Fine, both upon severely defective or cracked planchets. Each variety RRR, the latter more so than the former. 2 Pcs. ($8.50)

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NEW NETHERLAND'S 60th SALE DEC 3-4, 1968

331 Similar. M. 5¹¹-R (Rarity 5). Rosette of seven dots after INDE. Very Fine, again for the coin. Exceptionally bold, but showing a few minor planchet flakes or striations, mostly upon obverse; considerable rev. roughness, combined with green patination, at its center. Definitely superior to the Miller Plate coin; possibly finest known. Extremely rare. Ex Boyd.

65'

SEE STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998 #237

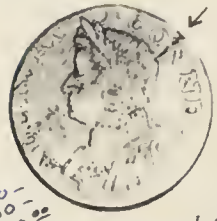
ROSA AMERICANA LIST #1 FEB, 1989

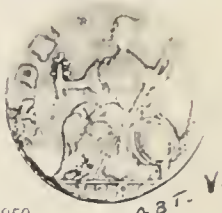
71 1786 Connecticut copper. Miller 5.11-R. Mailed Bust Left. Low Rarity 6. 126.1 grains. Fine, the reverse almost Very Fine. Lovely medium brown surfaces; struck on a smooth planchet, with just a few trivial laminations. The EAC '75 specimen graded just Very Fine, and was declared to be the finest known. None appeared in the Oechsner sale, and the finer of the two Taylor pieces was only slightly better than Good. This piece is probably of Condition Census level for the variety.....$159

1786 MILLER 5.11-R

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

The Miller Text Plate and Sale Coin





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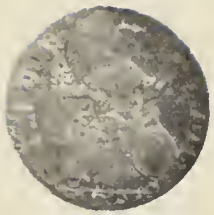
Lot No. 959

TO D. MENCHELL

ABT. VF 20
OK + COLOR

959 **1786 M.5.11-R. MBL.** Low Rarity 6 (or High Rarity 5). Strong Fine to Very Fine. 134.7 gns. Even brown in color. Both surfaces micro granular. Small, linear flaws on obverse, larger triangular one from rim to head between ON. Reverse rim flaws above IN, edge flaws below feet and 7 in date. These serve to identify this as the **Miller text plate coin.** The Condition Census for this variety used to start with the 1975 EAC VF coin but a Choice Uncirculated specimen has been seen. This coin is probably **Condition Census.** It is certainly finer than the piece in the next lot, the ANS coin, both Taylor specimens, Norweb:2493, the Picker Reference Collection piece, the coin in Rosa Americana's first list, and coins seen in two private collections. This is also the **Miller sale coin.** From the perfect states of both dies.

From Thomas Elder's sale of the Henry C. Miller Collection, May 29, 1920, lot 1853; to Hillyer Ryder, thence to F.C.C. Boyd. Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.



MILLER 5¹¹ R PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1853 1786. C. 5-(11). R. VGood.

2099 1786. C. 5 (11) R, holed; and ~~5-(8)-F.~~ VG. 2 pcs.

COIN GALLERIES SALE NOV 9, 1988

1222 1786 ~~M.4.1-G. Mailed bust left. Very Good, some light porosity; M.5.4-O.1. Good, weak strike. Glossy deep brown; M.5.5-M (2). About Good. One with a planchet clip at the right obverse; M.5.8-Q (R-5). About Good,~~ M.5.11-R (R-5). Good, some light planchet defects. 6 pieces.

165'

STACK'S 'N. BRYANT SALE' FEB 2, 1973

9 1786 Connecticut. ~~Miller 5.1-H.1 and~~ Miller 5.11-R. ~~Both~~ Rarity 5. Fair. ~~These should be seen by the die variety specialist.~~ 2 pieces.

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DANA LINETT (EAN LIST) JUNE, 1982

5.11-R, R-6, abt. Fine, quite scarce.... 195.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

960 **1786 M.5.11-R. MBL.** Another. Low Rarity 6 (or High Rarity 5). Nice Very Good, some details of Fine. 132.9 gns. Dark brown. Both surfaces lightly granular. Minor striations on effigy's head. CON not struck up; planchet cutter lip lower right reverse rim, last date numeral gone. Edge rough in places, as made. Perfect die states.

200-
200-
220.00

MIKE RINGO LIST OCT, 1987

3. 1786 MBL, M.5.11-R. Very Good to Fine, partially holed through center of reverse. A filler example of a very scarce variety..... 20.00

HARRY RESCIGNO LIST #41 JAN 5, 1986

17. 1786 Miller 5.11-R. Very Good-8, R-6. Nice. Ex. H.I.M Phillips Sale 2/83. Rare.

$100

5.11-R

MIKE RINGO LIST JUNE, 1991

5.1786 MBL, M.5.11-R, 124 grains. Very Good to Fine, smooth brown surfaces with some darker toning on the reverse. Evenly struck, with the exception of AU on the obverse and DE (ornament) on the reverse, and well centered, with full date. Rarity-6. OK+ 200.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 12, 1994

1568 1786 Connecticut. Mailed bust left. Miller 5.11-R (low R-6). 132.7 grains. Smooth olive-brown planchet, only NEW clear in CONNEC. Reverse shows device and lettering bold in outline, weak in central detail. Fine. 99.00

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#4 SPRING, 1991

40. 1786. Miller 5.11-R, Breen 752. Low Rarity-6. Mailed Bust Left. 134.7 grains. Very Fine. Full legends and date, even the ornament on the reverse is fully struck up—a situation almost unheard of for this variety. There is a large planchet flaw in the center of the reverse which causes a small bulge on the center of the obverse, and a small planchet crack at the rim at 11:30. A very scarce variety, and the nicest example that we've ever handled, much finer than Lot 71 of our first price list, that sold quickly at $159.....$179

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

125 1786 ~~M.5.8-R. MBL. High R-5 (probably overrated). About Fine. 150.8 gns. Brown, obverse flawed at top, reverse flawed and granular,~~ M.5.11-R. MBL. R-6. Nearly Fine. 123.9 gns. Mottled brown, reverse nearly two-toned. 2 pieces. 30, 150, 165

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#10 SPRING, 1995

A CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THE VERY RARE MILLER 5.11-R

110 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.11-R. High Rarity-6 [revised by Michael Hodder in the June, 1994 Stack's sale]. 123.9 grains. Very Fine, generally well struck, with nearly full legends [only the AU of AUCTORI and DE of INDE are weak], and letters that are quite bold and sharp. There is a full, vivid date as well. The central details are quite sharp. Gorgeous hard medium brown surfaces, the reverse with fields in a darker shade that give a lovely two-tone look to the coin. Free of damage or defect, which is quite unusual for the issue; the variety invariably seems to comes on laminated planchet stock, and is often found dark and rough as well. A very scarce variety, and most difficult to find in any grade; this is one of those varieties where the average grade seems to hover around the Very Good level, and anything nicer than that is an immediate rarity. Indeed, the only two that have been offered that can compare to the present piece are the Stack's September, 1993 piece, which was Fine/Very Fine and which was the Miller text and sale plate coin] which brought an astounding $2310—by far a record for the variety, and the Very Fine example in the same firm's June, 1994 sale that realized $1210. This coin certainly has the eye appeal and choice color and surfaces that those two examples had and is firmly embedded in the CONDITION CENSUS for the variety [Hodder reports a Choice Unc. as the finest known]. This particular coin is a new discovery, having been in a small type collection and unappreciated for the rarity that it was; it is the first time that it has been offered to the collecting community, and we expect a lot of orders on it at less than half what the recent Stack's sale coin realized!... EX STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT#125 1 OF 2 PIECES.....$679

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#9 SUMMER, 1994

115 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.11-R. Low Rarity-6. 127.6 grains. Very Good, some details slightly sharper and deserving of a full Fine grade. AUCTO and the tops of IND are weak, though the rest of the legends are quite sharp; just the top of the date is on the planchet. Medium brown, with a few laminations—one small one on the obverse and a larger one on the reverse—and some minor handling marks fully consistent with the grade assigned. Lots of eye appeal, and nice color. A very scarce variety, and most difficult to find in any grade. Stack's September, 1993 sale had a Fine/Very Fine specimen which was the Miller text and sale plate coin, that brought an astounding $2310—by far a record for the variety, though that was for a very pleasing coin that its' new owner will never have to upgrade. This coin is cerainly nicer than what is usually found and will probably prove most difficult to upgrade as well, especially at over 90% LESS than the price of the Miller coin!.....$149

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL#11 SPRING 1996

An Affordable Example of the Very Rare Miller 5.11-R

118 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.11-R. High Rarity-6. 128.7 grains. Fine or so, some details just a bit weaker than that grade, others fully of that level, as struck. Most of AUCTORI is weak, as is the final letter of INDE; the rest of the legends are complete and sharp. The date is about half on the planchet. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with some light striations, a deeper one on the effigy's head. The reverse has a long striation from the N of INDE through Liberty's waist. Still with a great amount of eye appeal for the grade, the color quite choice. A very rare variety in any grade [the rarity rating was revised by Michael Hodder in Stack's June, 1994 sale], and seldom found nicer. A solitary Unc. example is known in the Ford collection, though the census drops quickly from there. The Miller plate coin was sold in Stack's September, 1993 sale, where it was graded F/VF and brought a very healthy $2310. A VF example was sold in the same firms June, 1994 sale which brought $1210, establishing that even middle-grade examples of the variety will routinely reach four figures. If your colonial budget won't allow for that, this example, with good eye appeal overall, would be a most attractive substitute at just.....$169

From the Robert Martin collection, purchased by noted longhair numismatist Dr. Michael Spencer in June, 1982.

5.11-R

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

The Very Rare Miller 5.11-R
One of the Finest Known Examples!

133. 1786 Connecticut Copper. Miller 5.11-R. High Rarity-6. 134.5 grains. Extremely Fine, nearly in the choice category! An exceptional example of a variety that is invariably found weak! More-or-less boldly struck, the legends full on either side, with TORI a bit weaker than the neighboring letters, but still completely visible. The date is sharp and full, save for the first digit, which is only partially visible. Excellent central detail on either side, weak at the top of the obverse effigy's head and at the globe that the reverse figure is seated upon, but extremely strong everywhere else, including full mailing on the obverse and strong drapery and branch detail on the reverse. Very nice medium tan surfaces, generally hard and a bit glossy. There are some very light striations on either side, the only one of any real importance being on the reverse, starting at the rim at K-12 and curving down through the seated figure's neck to the T of ET; still, it is thin and not all that detracting. No post-striking marks or damage of any sort, which makes for an extremely pleasing example of a rare variety that is seldom found in ANY grade, let alone nice! This example is the nicest we have ever handled of the variety, and it is clearly in the CONDITION CENSUS and probably high in that listing! We note that the VF piece in New Netherland's 60th sale was catalogued as "possible finest known, while the Choice VF Morton coin was called "one of the two finest known." The only ones we are aware of that can give this piece competition are the Uncirculated coin in the Ford collection and the very nice EAC '75 coin (a full EF, though graded a bit lower in that sale, by the always-conservative Walter Breen); the Census quickly drops from there. Taylor's was VF-ish (though only graded VG in that sale, clearly far nicer than that from the plate). and the Dr. Hall – Hessberg coin was a decent VF but had a rim dent (and still managed to bring $825). The Miller plate coin, graded F/VF, appeared in Stack's June, 1994 sale and brought $2310, while the VF in that same firm's June, 1994 sale realized $1210. The Picker Reference collection piece was a granular Fine and Norweb's was just VG. The piece in the collection of The Colonial Newsletter Foundation is VF but striated, while the ANS coin is a solid Fine. This specimen is completely new to the collecting fraternity, having been liberated from a PCGS slab (where it was almost accurately graded as EF45) by a sharp-eyed collector. With auction records of over $2300 for a LOWER GRADE example. doesn't this one sound like a bargain at LESS THAN HALF THE COST? $1099

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

237. 1786 M.5.11-R. MBL. Low R-6 (revised). 126.1 gns. Overall Fine, some areas a trifle sharper. Even light olive brown in color. Obverse surface flawed on neck, more lightly around I. Reverse striated down through the center but not badly. Tiniest of rim bumps above U. Not a candidate for the Condition Census but we know that most 5.11-R's grade in the Very Good to Fine range. The finest we have seen is a very choice Uncirculated coin. We have records of 15 different specimens now and feel the rarity rating for this number should be lowered to Low R-6 (it will probably fall further).

110/ 140/ 15+

Ex Rosa Americana's first Fixed Price List, March 1989, lot 71.

Both dies appear perfect. TO DON PARTRICK

5.11-R

5.11-R

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

1786 MILLER 5.11-R

High Condition Census

400-
1100-
1210-
1100
GEORGE PERKINS

Lot No. 47

47 **1786 M.5.11-R. MBL. High R-6** (revised). **Very Fine and nearly choice. High Condition Census:** finer than the Hessberg coin and all but one of the other 12 we have seen (the finest being a Choice Unc.). 123.1 gns. **The Stickney sale coin.** Good olive brown color fairly even across both sides. Some surface striations, those on the obverse a bit distracting. Perfectly centered, decently struck, perfect die states.

From Henry Chapman's sale of the Matthew Adams Stickney Collection, June 25, 1907, lot 176, where it sold for $2.75; Ryder's ticket accompanies this lot.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN C4 SALE "GRIFFEE" OCT 21, 1995

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210-
231 00

131. M14 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.11-R MBL (High R-6) F12 143.8 gns. A pleasing coin that this time has central detail suggestive of a higher grade while the peripheries are weaker. Light brown and for the most part smooth and reflective where not striated. The left legends on both sides are weak. Some roller striations on both sides but the most significant are on the reverse in a basically vertical band running from the top of the coin to its center. Still a nice example of a variety that Michael Hodder suggested should be raised to this rarity level in his cataloging of the 6/94 Stack's sale. Reverse rotated 350 degrees.

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

78-
82-
90 00

154. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.5.11-R MBL (High R-6) VG8 121.3 gns. Predominantly light chocolate brown, with subtle mottling of a darker color. Though low grade, this coin has a balanced strike with full legends on both sides, however there is only a faint trace of the date. Wear has left this coin with a nice smooth look, though the surfaces are slightly rough beneath that gloss, and it has no problems that need noting. It is an attractive example of a coin that is very difficult to find in an upper grade. A generally pleasing VF brought $1,210 in Stack's 6/94 sale.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

99 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.11-R. High Rarity-6. 121.2 grains. Choice Fine, some details a bit stronger, most of the grade level here assigned. Boldly struck for a variety that often comes weak, with full legends and bold design detail on either side. The date is mostly off the planchet. Attractive light honey brown color with some mottlings of a slightly darker color giving the piece the appearance of a fine varnished wood. Hard and somewhat glossy, the surfaces are free of any sort of damage or defect. A very attractive example of a variety that is seldom found nicer. The Ford collection has an Unc, the finest known, though the census quickly drops from there. The Miller plate coin, graded F/VF, appeared in Stack's June, 1994 sale and brought $2310, while the VF in that same firm's June, 1994 sale realized $1210. One of the nicest we've handled in years, surpassed only by the VF example on our Tenth price list which sold quickly after receiving multiple orders at $679. This one is available for a lot less, which should excite the specialists to no end.....$329

5.11-R

1786 M.5.11-R WHT.152.2 GRAINS. VERY GOOD/FINE
KEN MOTE COLLECTION APRIL,1995.

1786 M.5.11-R Wht.132.7 Grains. VG/VF detail. Bit dark. Linear defect on reverse figure.
Ken Mote to Mike Spencer 12/7/97.

EAC SALE APRIL 4, 1998

LOT	DATE	VARIETY	RARITY	GRADE	GRADE	COMMENTS
15	1786	M5.11-R	6-	6	5	CONNECTICUT-MAILED BUST LEFT. Brown with smooth surfaces. Some planchet flaws on both sides. Some tiny rim nicks and rim bruises. AVERAGE. $85 -

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

166. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.11-R. High Rarity-6. 112.2 grains. Fine, some details a bit sharper, as struck. Full legends, most letters bold, but a few stray ones weaker than their neighbors. The date is full, the lower part of the final digit a bit fuzzy. A bit weakly impressed at the center of the obverse, the reverse stronger, with an exceptionally bold branch in Liberty's hand. Darker brown surfaces, the obverse with two small striations at the lower bust and one or two ancient hairlines that aren't visible without a glass; the reverse clean and nice. A very attractive example of a variety that is seldom found nicer. The Ford collection has an Unc, the finest known, though the census quickly drops from there. The Miller plate coin, graded F/VF, appeared in Stack's June, 1994 sale and brought $2310, while the VF in that same firm's June, 1994 sale realized $1210. One of the nicest we've handled in years, surpassed only by the VF example on our Tenth price list which sold quickly after receiving multiple orders at $679. This one is just a grade lower than that piece, but is available at a fraction of the cost...how often do you get the opportunity to buy a decent example of a coin that has less than two dozen known in all grades for just.....$169

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

236. 1786 M.5.10-P. MBL. Low R-6 (revised). 141.4 gns. In general, Fine, with most areas softer. Even, dark olive brown. Surfaces granular, pitted in places, old reverse scratches. Remnants of a planchet cutter lip on obverse give the edge a ragged appearance at 2:00. We have records now of 14 different specimens and feel the rarity rating should be lowered to Low R-6 (it will probably fall further).

100/ 100/ 110

Ex Martin Rubenstein Co. Fall, 1986 Fixed Price List.

Exact die states uncertain due to surface condition and near total absence of a date.

5.12-L

Var. 12 should be omitted as it is now considered the same as Var. 2.

5.2-L	Canfield and Ryder declared that obverses 5.12 and 5.2 were actually the same die, so the combination 5.12-L is redesignated 5.2-L. (A&C, P. 4).	5.12-L

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1247 J. ROCK

DESIGNATION CHANGE:

5.12-L -- Should be changed to **5.2-L**. Canfield and Ryder reported that these two obverse dies were actually the same.

5.12-L

5.13-I | Canfield and Ryder reported this as a new combination with a heretofore unknown obverse which they described. (A&C, P. 4). One specimen located: ANS.

Var. 13. Both colons incline to the right. Semicircular breastplate. Roman nose. Colons heavy and even. Upper dot of first colon low, and much larger than lower dot. Two dots between forelock and wreath. Serifs of E closed. Milling fine and ragged. 5^{13}—I (R^6)

Reverse I. Last line. Add 5^{13}—I.

1) ANS SPECIMEN VERY GOOD (10). RELATIVELY SMOOTH MEDIUM BROWN SEE COLOR PHOTO

49) 1786 M.5.13-I Very Good-10. Relatively smooth medium brown.

2) JIM GOUDGE SPECIMEN, APRIL 16, 1989. PREVIOUSLY DISCOVERED ED SARAFFIAN SEPT 8, 1988. VERY GOOD DETAIL. SOME PATCHES OF POROSITY. DATE MOSTLY OFF FLAN.

Discovery of a Second Connecticut 5.13-I of 1786 (TN-125)

from James H. Goudge; Canoga Park, CA

I am pleased to report the discovery of the second known Miller 1786 5.13-I. The coin was discovered on Thursday, September 8 , 1988 on the bourse of The Greater New York Numismatic Convention by Chicago area collector Ed Sarrafian.

The coin was examined by this writer and noted Connecticut specialist Robert Martin who confirmed the discovery. The coin is now in the Goudge collection of Connecticut Coppers.

Editor's note: We hope to obtain a high quality photograph of this new discovery suitable for publication. The specimen appears to be very similar in condition to the ANS specimen. If any other specimens of 5.13-I of 1786 are known, please advise ye Editor.

5.13 - I

J. ROCK SERIAL NO. 88

5.13-I -- Discovered by Frederick Canfield after the publication of the Miller work. His specimen, now in the American Numismatic Society, is marked "NEW" and has two arrows, in white ink, pointing to the bridge of the nose and the top of the laureate wreath. A second specimen was discovered in 1988 and promptly became part of a California collection.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1985

49) 1786 M.5.13-I Very Good-10. Relatively smooth medium brown.

ANS Collection
Connecticut Coppers

THE COLONIAL NEWSLETTER, MARCH, 1964

5.14-S

5.14-S Canfield and Ryder reported this as a new combination of two new dies both of which they described. (A&C, P. 4, 5). W. H. Breen wrote later that two additional specimens had been found at Stepney Depot, and he illustrated one of them. (Survey of American Coin Hoards, P. 21). Eight specimens located, which may or may not include the said Stepney Depot pieces: ANS-2, ERB, Private collectors-5.

PAGE

19. Add Reverse S. INDE: ET-LIB:

Branch is thick with five small short leaves on each side of stem. End leaf about level with the middle of the base of E. Date line double. Fig. 8 touches date line; other figures are near it. Both colons are even and parallel, with upper dots low; about half as high as the adjacent letters, which are very large. Lower dot of last colon half on shield. B touches shield. Branch hand opposite D and space between N and D. The most striking feature of this reverse is a sword hilt and guard under the left elbow of the goddess. They appear to be too well formed, proportioned and located to be due to an accidental break in the die. Combined with 5^{14} and 5^{15}.

Var. 14. Lower dot of first colon a little below the bottom of I. Bottom dot of second colon even with bottom of C. Colons nearly parallel with letters. Second and third N double-cut. No semicircular breastplate. Three side curls enclose dots. The curved band on armor, under fluting, on throat, tapers into almost a crescent at the ends. Milling fine. 5^{14}—S (R^6)

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

61 **1786. M. 5.14—S.** R–7. The famous variety with sword hilt and guard below Ms. Liberty's elbow. **Where struck up, this is at least Fine;** about ⅓ of the coin's area affected by laminations and other planchet defects on both sides. Natural streaky mottling in many attractive shades. **At present 8 are known,** of which two (including the broken die coin called by Miller "5.15—S") are in ANS, all being well worn. (Cf. Colonial Newsletter 3/64, pg. 28.) This one is better than the only pieces known to us to have been auctioned, lot 78 of New Netherlands 51st sale, G–VG, and lot 144 of the Merkin October 1973 sale at a rousing $600 to a dealer. Ex Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** $590 **($600.–up)**

$590

EAC '75

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512

PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

512 **1786. M. 5. 14-S** (R-7). **VF where struck up** on the thin and streaky flan.

$135

The date is very plain and about half the lettering is readable. Planchet lamination defects at lower right obv. The obv. is less well struck and more granular than rev. Obv. and rev. mottlings, chestnut brown color over what appears to be original mint surface. Better in many respects than our 1975 E. A. C. sale lot 61 which we said then was the best of the only pieces known to us to have been auctioned, and which coin sold for a healthy $590!

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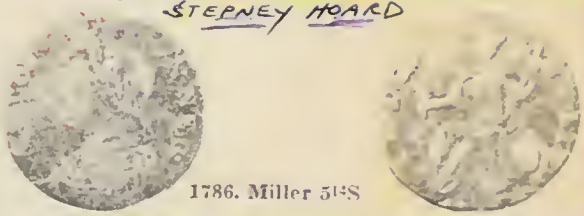
FAIRFIELD COUNTY HOARD AKA STEPNEY HOARD

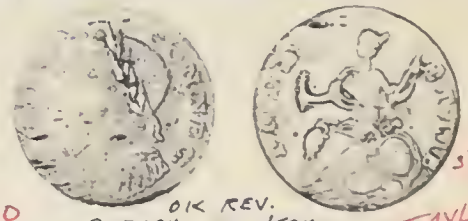


1786. Miller 5^{15}S

1786 M 5.14-S D. MITUZAS TO G. PERKINS

Condition Census

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987



$247.50 OK REV. BUT OBV. TOO WEAK STEPNEY HOARD TAYLOR

2383 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.14-S. Mailed Bust Left.** 137.0 grains **Rarity-6. VF-20.** Solidly within the Condition Census finer than the specimen sold in the Pine Tree E.A.C. sale. The important feature of this combination is reverse S, unknown to Miller at the time of his catalogue, which here shows quite clearly the "sword guard, and hilt" characteristic of it. Both surfaces are medium golden brown, with some mahogany. Areas of incrustation. First E in reverse legend obscured by a rim flaw. Date off flan, but longitudinal and latitudinal lines visible in the globe. Idiosyncratic figure of Liberty, long-necked and long-waisted. Planchet cutter mark at the base of the obverse. Complete shoulder with no sign of the later-developing break which obscured this portion of the obverse (see below, Lot 2385). EX. STEPNEY HOARD

Purchased by Taylor in 1971

$88 — BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987 TAYLOR

2384 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.14-S. Mailed Bust Left.** 119.2 grains **Rarity-6.** F-12 or thereabout. A second example in the condition these are typically found. The "sword, guard and hilt" are present, if some imagination is used. Dark brown with golden highlights. Long obverse scratch, and two or three flaws on the reverse.

X DARK

5.14-S

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 14, 1958

78 Similar; sword hilt and guard under Liberty's elbow. M. 5.14-S. (Not known to Miller until after publication, and by him called 5.15-S on account of the extremely heavy die failure at lower obv., obliterating shoulder, which suggested a different die.) Good to VG, alternately sharp and weakly struck; planchet rough and defective as made. Important, as each of the seven specimens known to us (including that in the A.N.S.) is considerably worn. Only two others known from this die state; Miller knew but one. RRR. ($10.00)

17

1786 M 5.14-S

Late State

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

DARK BROWN W/ DEFECTS

TAYLOR

2385 **1786 Connecticut. M 5.14-S. Mailed Bust Left.** 137.1 grains. **Rarity-6.** VG-8, for sharpness; overall, G-4. A final specimen of this combination, included by Taylor to illustrate the obverse bulge which developed and obscures the effigy's shoulder and the corresponding portion of the reverse. Deep planchet fissure in back of the effigy's head. Uniformly porous, dark golden brown.

110

From New Netherlands 51st Sale, June 1958, Lot 78.

5.14-S was unknown to Miller until after the publication of his catalogue of Connecticut coppers. The specimen he saw, which resembled this one in that it had the prominent bulge on the obverse, appeared to him, at first, to be a separate variety and was given the number 5.15. Older collections often include the late state of 5.14 obverse under the Miller number 5.15, in fact, this specimen came to us attributed as 5.15-S.

144

STACK'S ROPER COLL" DEC 7, 1983

ROPER

Lot No. 234

L. MERKIN SALE' OCT 31, 1973

144 — 1786 Miller 5.14–S. Rarity 6. VF. UNKNOWN TO MILLER. Discovered by Ryder and Canfield, and included in the 'additions and corrections' to the Miller book. At last report, only 8 known! Quoting from the 'additions and corrections': "The most striking feature of this reverse is a **sword hilt and guard** under the left elbow of the goddess". Excessively rare as a variety, and highly sought after as a type because of this unique feature. Well centered with full date. Weakly struck in spots. An extraordinary find. Dark brown. **ILLUST.**

600

234 **1786 Mailed Bust Left.** Miller 5.14-S. 138.5 grains. A **very rare variety** that was **unknown to Miller.** Discovered by Ryder and Canfield. The distinctive feature of this die is the sword hilt and guard under the left elbow of the seated figure. Well centered with a full date, but with some weak legends. Dark brown with lighter highlights. **Very Fine.** $284 — OK, BETTER THAN PLATE

200 260

Ex Merkin Sale, October 1973, lot 144 → $600.00

BOWER'S 'NORWEB SALE' MAR 25, 1988

2494 1786 Connecticut. M 5.14-S. G-4/VG-6. Rarity-6. 117.4 grains. 28.5mm. 190°. The famous "Sword Hilt" variety, here barely visible. Obverse weak on the left, as is the reverse. Numerous obverse flaws. The note in the inventory book recording this piece reads: "From Proskey's stock May 98. 3rd specimen found."

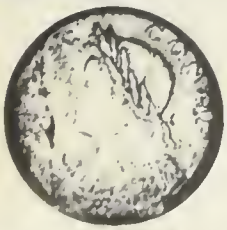
104.50

Purchased between 1913-1915. NORWEB

This variety was first published by Canfield and Ryder in their *Additions and Corrections* to Miller's listing (1920), but clearly the variety was known long before then.

UNEVEN STRIKE

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976



555 1786 Mailed Bust Left. "5.14-S." Unlisted by Miller. Extremely rare variety. Very Fine or better from a wear viewpoint, but very weakly struck, especially around the borders. A prize opportunity for the specialist.

60

BOWER'S 'NEWPORT COLL' JAN 30, 1975

99 1786 Connecticut. Miller 5.14-S. Rarity 6. Mailed bust left. Abt. $150. Good. Very rare.

5.14-S

GREEN PLATE

EXTREMELY RARE "SWORD HILT" 1786 CONNECTICUT

PINE TREE ELIZ. MORTON" OCT 16, 1975

493 **1786. M. 5.14-S (R-7)** Where struck up, this is at least **Very Fine, some details notably sharper than VF;** light to medium steel with darker mottling, the same kind of parallel planchet defects as on lot 61, our LAC sale, but a considerably finer example. Ms. Liberty's drapery, in particular, is much sharper, and all four parallels of latitude and eight meridians of longitude are very clear. Planchet thin at left so that AUCT did not strike up at all and INDE remain very weak. **The outstanding coin of this very rare type, excelling all three known to have been auctioned.** (LAC lot 61 abovementioned, Merkin 10/73 lot 144, and New Netherlands 51st sale, lot 78), as such rendering understandable the "Choice XF Finest Known" grading with which this came. No source stated, but this may possibly be one of the three from the Stepney Hoard. **(Photo)** **($400.-500.)**

The famous variety with **sword hilt and guard below Ms. Liberty's elbow.** Obv. Four leaves on back of wreath, similar to obv. 5.6, but first colon upright—parallel to I, the lower dot a little low, three straggly curls end in marked pellets.

$300 —

493

GREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1988) →

754 1786 Similar. Sword var., obv. colons. Very rare. M. 5.14-S. Sword hilt and shell guard above shield; no knuckle guard, ferrule, or quillon; pellet pommel. Hilt points at T. Always in low grades. 1975 EAC:61; LM 10/73, Roper:234. 138.5 grs. = 8.97 gms.

NEW NETH. NUMISMA AUG, 1954 VOL. 1 NO. 3

883 1786. Mailed bust l. M. 5.14-S. RRRR (R-6). "Type" coin, sheothed sword by Liberty's elbow. Slightly imperfect, but Fine for the piece. Unknown to Crosby. HALL ? . . $13.80

EX. STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

HALL

50-
240-

Lot No. 1057

OECHSNER

1057 **1786 Miller 5.14-S.** Mailed bust left. **(R-6).** 108.4 grains. **Fine,** struck on a defective and porous planchet; planchet cutter line around the left obverse rim. The "sword, guard, and hilt" on the reverse are somewhat faint but visible, as are the full date and nearly all of the legends. Deep brown with somewhat highlighted devices. Always in demand as a "type" piece in the series.

$ 264 —

From the Virgil Brand Collection, earlier from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection. NO EDGE ATTRIBUTION

BOWERS' RARE COIN REVIEW #14 APRIL, 1972

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.14-S (R-6). Not included in our *Review* No. 12 offering. Extremely Fine, weak in a few peripheral areas as struck. A rare, rare opportunity R.C.R. #14, APR. 1972 . . 249.00

BOWER'S RARE COIN REVIEW #7, SEPT, 1970

1786 Mailed bust left. 5.14-S. (R-6). Very Good R.C.R. #7 . . 9/70 . . 55.00

Ryder noted that the sword hilt and guard were "too well formed, proportioned and located to be due to an accidental break in the die." At least one noted specialist has argued that the iconography offered by a sword would be contrary to the "peaceful" or neutral motif presented by the rest of the design. We respectfully disagree with this hypothesis, noting that many other colonials present a mixed message of "peace through strength," the most obvious being the Massachusetts copper coinage, where the eagle holds in one talon an olive branch, a universal symbol of peace, while the other talon grasps a bundle of arrows, showing that the new country would not be afraid to fight for its ideals [symbolism that would continue on federal silver coins up through the post World War I years, to be picked up again on such modern issues as the Washington quarter and the Kennedy half dollar]. To our mind the iconography is perfectly in contrast with the times, and as the only Connecticut reverse die to make this bold statement, we consider it to be one of the most fascinating in the entire series!

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #8 SPRING, 1993 LOT #67

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY FOUNDATION) 1989

5.14-S	1786 G-/G+	R7	
5.14-S	1786 F-/F-	R7	Striations, weak strike.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

50) 1786 M.5.14-S Fine overall. Typical uneven strike resulting in AUCTORI and INDE being weakly struck. Details of Very Fine were struck up. Typical planchet striations, mostly across obverse.

51) 1786 M.5.14-S Abt Good. Unevenly struck on a dark brown and green planchet. Ink attribution on obverse field reading "5.15-S" (No Provenance)

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL), JULY 23, 1976

38 1786 Mailed Bust Left M #5.14-S (R-7) ALMOST GOOD-3 overall. Planchet drifts and reverse dent. Some details as high as Fine; ~~Mailed Bust Left M #6-K (High R-6) ALMOST GOOD-3, rough~~. (Lot of 2 pieces).

$40 —

1786 M.5.14-S "Sword Hilt & Guard". Fine Overall. Some details very fine, oth ers weaker. Uneven strike with striated flan defects; mostly on reverse. Probably low condition census. WHT. 138.9 GRAINS.

ROBERT MARTIN 3/76 — D. MITULAS 3/3/87

5.14-S

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1427 J. ROCK

5.14-S -- Discovered by Frederick Canfield and described in *Additions and Corrections*, the reverse die features a sword hilt and guard, which makes it unique among the Connecticut series. This die was later found to be paired with Obverse 4.2, described above. Around twenty specimens now accounted for, including three from the Taylor sale, two in the A.N.S., two in the Barnsley/CNL Reference collection and two from the Stepney Hoard. Several others exist in private collections.

1786 5.14-S Wht.121.4 Grains. Very Good Overall.Uneven Strike. Dark Olive Brown. Some Light Laminations.
Mike Ringo 9/7/91 To ???

1786 M.5.14-S Wht.134.0 Grains. Abt. Good/ Fine Obverse. Uneven Strike.Lamination Across Rev. Figure's Head andThrough 'O' In "Auctori".To Obv. Figure's Head.
Mike Ringo 1992 To ??? J. ROCK

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #7 AUTUMN, 1992

Rare Sword, Hilt & Guard Variety Not Known to Miller

57. 1786 Connecticut, Miller 5.14-S. Rarity-6. 134.0 grains. Overall Fine or thereabouts, some details stronger, some details typically weaker. On the obverse, the legend AUCTORI is faint, as is the profile of the figure and the base of the bust. The all-important reverse is much stronger, with full legends and date as well as all the design details, including the SWORD HILT AND GUARD at Miss Liberty's waist, a design feature that is absolutely unique to this reverse die. Medium brown planchet, with just a few of the flaws associated with 1786 issues in evidence, most notably a few laminations on the obverse and one on the reverse across Miss Liberty's neck. Still an attractive example of this rare issue, much nicer than just about anything else that has come up for sale in recent years. A very popular, "Not in Miller" variety, and, one that is always in demand.....$259

Discovered by Frederick Canfield and described in the Additions and Corrections to the Miller work published in 1920. In our "Corrigenda Millerniae Revisited" published as the May, 1991 issue of The Colonial Newsletter, *we stated that there were around 20 specimens now known, most of which are in grades of lower than Very Fine.*

COIN GALLERIES 'PERKINS DUP'S' APRIL 14, 1993

1975 **1786 M.4.1-G. ~~Mailed Bust Left. Net Very~~** Good. ~~Rarity-2. 125.2 gns. Gray-brown. Lightly granular. Small clip. Acceptable for the grade;~~ **another.** ~~Near basal state. 133.8 gns. Brown. Striated;~~ **~~1786 M.5.8-O.2 MBL.~~** ~~Fine/Very Good.~~ **~~Rarity 6~~** ~~(corrected). 143.4 gns. Orange-brown. Verdigris spots both sides. Obverse damaged. Reverse swelling to left of head "High Rarity 4" is much too low for this variety (if M.5.9-B.1 is R-6, then so is this);~~ **~~1786 M.5.9-Q. MBL.~~** ~~Very Good/Fine. Low Rarity 6. 111.9 gns. Brown. Striated. Off-center both sides.~~ **~~1786 M.5.11-R. MBL.~~** ~~Fine. Low Rarity 6. 126.2 gns. Golden brown. Once cleaned. Pitted;~~ **1786 M.5.14-S. MBL.** Net About Good. **Rarity 6.** 125.3 gns. Dark. Pitted. Scratched. "Sword" not visible. **6 pieces.**

192.50

The first, ex H. Melnick Sale (November 4, 1983, part of lot 96); the last two, from Robert Vlack in 1984, ex his second collection (the first sold intact to Ned Barnsley)

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

45 **1786 M.5.14-S. MBL. R-6.** Technically choice Extremely Fine, rich olive golden brown obverse, banded golden brown reverse. 157.6 gns. **Sword hilt and guard** much more visible than on the preceding. Some reverse surface smooth and hard, overall sharpness equivalent to the technical grade. Both sides nicked and flawed, some light gouges visible, as well. Both obverse and reverse legends almost entirely legible; die states about as the preceding's. Struck on an unusually robust planchet, the heaviest we have recorded. EVEN IMPRESSION TECH. VF/XF. NICKED OBV. FLAW UPPER REV.

200 475 522.50

STACK'S SALE JUNE 14, 1995

44 **1786 M.5.14-S. MBL. R-6.** Very Good/Fine, both surfaces uniformly granular, reverse flawed at upper right. 126.2 gns. Dark olive-brown. **Sword hilt and guard** faintly visible on the reverse. Struck from what must have been axially misaligned dies, AUCT and opposite INDE do not appear to have been struck up. No rim dents/nicks and no significant accidental surface damage. Die states about as Taylor:2383 before extreme failure began in the left obverse field and on the effigy's left shoulder. UNEVEN STRIKE

80 325 357.50

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

128 **1786 M.5.14-S. MBL. R-6** (underrated, probably High R-6 is better). Technically Strong Fine to Very Fine, sharpness of a lower grade. 133.9 gns. Olive brown, heavy obverse rim flaw at left, late state with central failure accounting for most of loss of detail on this side. Obverse once cleaned, hairlines. Reverse "sword hilt" visible

120 260 286

5.15-S
DELETE

The following new varieties are to be added:

Var. 15. First colon leans to left. Upper dot very low. Lower dot even. Second colon leans to left; lower dot even; upper dot low. Letters in legend wide. A large semicircular break from rim to halfway to top of left shoulder. Surface is slightly swollen. 5^{15}—S (R^6)

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1247 J-ROCK

5.15-S -- Another specimen first listed in the *Additions and Corrections*. This is actually a very late die state of **5.14-S**, with a cud developed at K-5 on the obverse. A specimen of this die state was offered in the Frederick B. Taylor sale.

DELETION

5.15-5

DRAPED BUST LEFT DESIGN

Believed to have comprised the coins made during some part of the eight weeks between September 10, 1786 and Nov. 1, 1786 by Mark Leavenworth, Isaac Baldwin and William Leavenworth, who leased the presses and other equipment of the "Company for Coining Coppers" from the then proprietors (Samuel Bishop, James Hillhouse, James Goodrich and Joseph Hopkins, with new partner James Jarvis, who owned 3/16 of the company stock). These varieties were made from new hubs by Abel Buel, which hubs continued in use through 1787–88, the inscriptions being added by hand punching.

6-K

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

65 **1786.** M. 6-K. High R-6. Colons, no stars; three ribbons ends (double impression from the hub). Rev. four-dash ornaments before and after INDE: **Very Fine, bold, pleasing light olive,** far fewer planchet defects than usual, these light and scattered. Sharply impressed except in centers. **The only one we have ever seen with full clear date;** usually this variety comes weak at 86 so that the date must be deduced from die-identity rather than read off the coin. Finest known to us, far exceeding the Breen coin in New Netherlands 51st sale, still farther above the Miller Plate coin. Crosby never saw one sharp enough to show the wreath. Totally outclasses the Vlack Plate coin. Usually found in Fair or Good. **One of the most undervalued of Connecticut types. (Photo)** $550 **($500.–up)**

$550

EAC'75

SEE BREEN PLATE

STACK'S SALE 2/4/77 LOT #28

OK COLOR DATE TOO WEAK

NORWEB

$440 BOWER'S 'NORWEB II' SALE MARCH 25, 1988

2495 1786 Connecticut. M 6-K. F-15 to VF-20. Rarity-6. 159.7 grains 28.2mm 180°. Attractive light tan. Slightly off center on the obverse, as Taylor 2386. 86 in the date usually weak as seen on the Taylor coin, as well. Centers soft and taint, also typical of the variety. SEE STACK'S LIST DEC, 1989 AS VF

Purchased between 1913-1915.

BOWER'S 'TUROFF SALE' OCT 1, 1976

556 1786 Draped Bust Left. 6-K (R-5). Scarce design type, for most 1786 Connecticut issues were of the Mailed Bust format. Fine or slightly better. Weakly struck at the upper obverse and corresponding part of the reverse.

$150

334 **1786. Draped Bust left.** M. 6-k. No stars in obv. legend, 3 ribbon ends; cf. lot 65. High R-6. **Small details Fine or better,** others weaker as struck; natural light reddish brown, devices highlighted; usual centering, tops of TLIB and bases of 86 off flan; better than average, as Crosby could not find one sharp enough to show the wreath, and this detail is partly visible here. A very elusive type coin. Ex T. L. Craige, April 1970. **(Photo)** $250 **($250.–up)**

$250

PINE TREE 'EAC'75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

EAC'75

334

EAC'75

STACK'S "ALLEN COLL" FEB 4, 1977

1786 Miller 6-K. [illegible] Draped bust facing left variety of 1786. [illegible] Far better than the Miller plate coin and probably one of the finest known. [illegible] Extremely Fine.

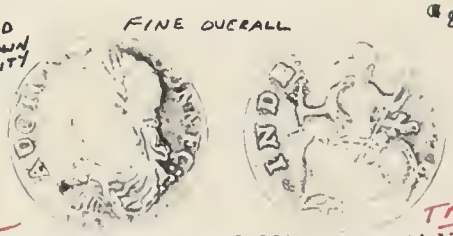
STACK'S "T. H. ALLEN" FEB 4, 1977

29 1786 Miller 6-K. Another excellent specimen of the same rare variety. The obverse is slightly off center but still better than the Miller plate obverse. The reverse, if not better than the Miller plate, is at least as good. The lower right portion of the seated figure is weak as is the rare. The balance of the coin is in full sharpness. It is most unusual to find two top specimens of this rare variety in the same sale. Also light olive. **Very Fine.**

$85

NOT BAD MED. BROWN LGT. POROSITY ON OBV.

FINE OVERALL



TAYLOR

$209 BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE MARCH 27, 1987

2386 1786 Connecticut. M 6-K. **Draped Bust Left.** 173.5 grams. **Low Rarity-6.** F-15. Light golden brown. Unitormly porous, but free from any serious flan defects. Last two numerals of the date usually obscure, but legible, not quite as clear as the Pine Tree E.A.C. A distinct "type" in the Connecticut series, and this a representative example.

TAYLOR

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

2387 1786 Connecticut. M 6-K. **Draped Bust Left.** 178.0 grams. **Low Rarity-6.** F-15. A second specimen of this distinct "type," on a smooth, light golden brown flan. Reverse center weak, as struck, with a tissure obscuring portions of the globe and shield. Full, if somewhat obscure, date. On a thick and compact flan, slightly heavier than the preceding piece. GOOD COLOR SLIGHTLY OFF CENTER

$165

TINY DEFECT

EARLY AMERICAN COINS

BREEN ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1788)

Draped Bust Left

Blank shields

SEE EAC'75 SALE LOT #65

759 1786 No blunt stars in obv. legend. Very rare. M. 6-K. Usually, 86 weak. Garrett:1349 weighed 166.7 grs. = 10.8 gms.

BREEN

SEE EAC'75 SALE LOT #65

PLATE

STACK'S "LAIRD U. PARK" SALE MAY 26, 1976

78 1786 Miller 6-K. **Draped Bust Left.** A rarity 5 item and a very difficult type to obtain. This specimen is ever so slightly off center, so that only the very tops of a few of the letters are off the planchet. Slight weakness in striking on the right side of the reverse only. All other details very sharp, including the punctuation ornaments. Light brown. FINE. $95

ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.6-K
VERY FINE, FLAT STRIKE
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

STACK'S "ROBISON SALE" FEB 10, 1982

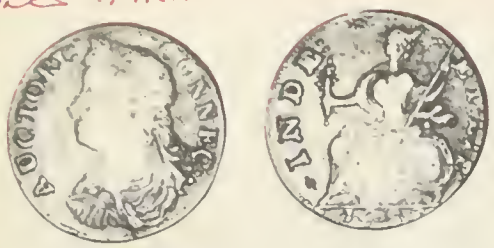
120 1786 Draped Bust Left. M.6-K. A rare type. Off-center so that part of date is weak, as typical for the variety. A few light surface marks. **Fine.**

$65

6-K

1786 Connecticut Miller 6-K

BOWERS "GARRETT" SALE OCT 1, 1980



1349 **1786 Connecticut. Miller 6-K.** 166.7 grains. **Rarity-5.** Draped bust facing left variety. This and the much rarer 7-K are the only varieties of 1786 that have a draped bust left motif. A highly sought after type coin. GARRETT

This coin, close to **Extremely Fine,** is from the Miller Collection and was used to illustrate the plate of his study on the series. Perfectly centered with full date and all details clear. Beautifully mixed light brown and dark brown surfaces.

OPEN $120 — SOLD $350 —

From the collection of Henry C. Miller.

BOWER'S "MATT ROTHERT SALE" NOV 16-17, 1973

233 1786 Connecticut. Miller 6-K. Rare die variety (R-5). Draped bust left. Very Fine. $130.00

6 —— K

HENRY C. MILLER SALE MAY 26-29, 1920

1856 1786. C. 6-K. Rx. INDE : .:. .:. LIB: VG. R. 5. 1.50

2100 1786. C. 6--K. Dates off, G. 3 pcs. .15

STACK'S "OECHSNER COLL" SEPT 9, 1988

GOOD COLOR NICE XF BUT EDGE DING

EDGE DING

A. TERRANOVA COLL.

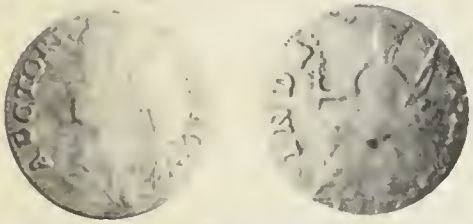
800 — 1600 —

Lot No. 1058

OECHSNER

1058 **1786 Miller 6-K.** Draped bust left. **(Low R-6).** 133.3 grains. **Extremely Fine,** softly struck on the head and matching area of the shield and globe. Olive green and pale brown toning, generally glossy surfaces. Full date. Appears to be slightly better than the EAC coin, and does not have the defects on the head that that piece shows.

$1,760 —



BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW" #12 SEPT, 1971

1786 Draped bust left. 6-K (R-5). F-VF, well struck and centered: choice throughout. An inordinately popular coin due to its inclusion in type sets 195.00

BOWER'S "RARE COIN REVIEW" SEPT, 1970

1786 Draped bust left. 6-K. (R-5). Very Good RCR#7 9/70 .. 19.00

BOWER'S "FRONTENAC SALE" NOV 20, 1991

1786 Miller 6-K

Probable Condition Census

200 — 250 — 275.00

WEAK

332 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 6-K. VF-25, probable Condition Census. Rarity-6 –.** 139.1 grains. Light golden brown on both sides, with darker brown in the reverse fields. Reverse scratched in left field, flawed in the center. Lighter flaws on effigy's neck on obverse. Sharpness in places of EF-45. Die states as Taylor:2386/7. Nicer than Norweb:2495 and both Taylor coins.

From our sale of the Saccone Collection, November 1989, Lot 1543

MID-AMERICAN '1986 G.N.A. SALE' MAY 24, 1986

1117 1786 Miller 6-K. Rarity 6. Very Good. The "Draped Bust Left" [illegible] the 1975 EAC Catalogue) calls this "one of the [illegible] Connecticut types." Dark brown, with tan [illegible]

75 —

COIN GALLERIES SALE' AUG 20, 1986 GOOD COLOR F/VF DETAIL

1341 1786 M.6-K (High R-6). Draped Bust Left. Fine, medium brown toning, struck on clipped planchet, late die state, E's on reverse filled as on the 7-K strikes. Weak strike at centers, and parts of date off the flan as usual. TOWARDS 6 O'CLOCK

143 —

44 [illegible] Miller 6-K. Rarity [illegible] **Draped bust** facing LEFT. Another highly sought after [illegible] and variety. This Fine, light and dark brown specimen shows a slight weakness [illegible] at the top of the head and the corresponding portion of the reverse, making for a slightly blurred 86. Far better than normally [illegible]. All details sharp and clear including all three ornaments, which is [illegible] $35 —

STACK'S JAN 31, 1969

STEVE IVY SALE' FEB 24-26, 1983

LOT # 1899 1786, M.6-K, (R-5). VG (6). Dark blackish-brown. A trifle off-center; no date shows. Very rare. Probably a solid R-7 on the Sheldon scale. 1 OF 4 PIECES

6-K

INFORMAL SURVEY BY DONN PEARLMAN

Miller 6-K of 1786 --- Summary of Findings

I was able to track down a total of 20 different pieces, only six of them in Fine or better condition and most with the commonly-found, weakly struck date. Two specimens are reported in Very Fine condition, one with a strongly struck date.

According to one survey respondant, this variety has been listed at leost 16 times in auctions from 1920 through 1978. The 1975 EAC/Pine Tree catalog lists this variety as "high R-6" with Pine Tree's R-6 defined as approximately 13 to 20 known. Other rarity scales define R-6 as 13 to 30 known. The EAC/Pine Tree value of 13 to 20 is believed to be a misprint.

DETAIL of FOUR-DASH ORNAMENT
AND UNIQUE HAIRDO

QUANTITIES by GRADE

→ Grade ↓ VARIETY	Fair	About Good	Good	VG- G-VG G/VG G+	VG	Abt. Fine VG+ VG/F VG-F	Fine	VF- Fine + F/VF F-VF	VF	VF+ VF/XF	XF
6-K of 1786			2	9		3	4		2		

OVER —>

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COL. NEWS MARCH, 1980 P. 712

COLLECTION	COIN # & GRADE	DATE ACQUIRED & COMMENTS
A	#1 VG	Porous, weakly struck date. Acquired 1931 ex. Confield & New Jersey Historical Society (NJHS).
	#2 VG	Gash on head, weakly struck date. Acquired 1931, ex. Confield & NJHS.
B	#3 VG/F	1966
C	#4 VG-	Ex. Hall, Newcomer & E.H.R.Green. 1940
D	#5 Fine	Weak date. Discovered in box of comman copper pieces.
	#6 G/VG	Same as #5 above.
E	#7 Abt.Fine	
F	#8 VG	Uneven strike. 86 in date is not discernable.
G	#9 VF	1968
	#10 Fine	1974
H	#11 Fine	1968
I	none	
J	#12 VF	1977. Well struck with full date. Collectar has owned 3 specimens in post 21 years and faund few above Fine.
K	#13 Good	1958
L	#14 VG	Gaad calar, date not fully an planchet.
M	#15 G-VG	Weak at 86 in date and weak an Liberty's skirt. 1959
N	#16 VG+	Weak 86, strong dashes at Liberty's faat. 1977
O	#17 VG	Weak date.
P	#18 Good	
	#19 VG	
Q	none	

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COIN GALLERIES SALE' JUNE 5, 1940

1433 1786 Connecticut, M.6-K, (R-6). The rare type with Draped Bust left. Fine or so, date weak as always on this type.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER FOUNDATION (BARNSLEY COLL), 1989

6-K 1786 VF-/F R6+ Weak strike.
6-K 1786 VF-/F R6+ Weak strike.
6-K 1786 "Dent"

CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY
6-K 2057 (5) GOOD (5)
6230 (10/3) VERY GOOD/FAIR

STACK'S "HELLSBERG COLLECTION" JUNE 20, 1991

1368 99 1786 Miller 6-K (Low R-6). 135 grains. Mailed bust left, 4-dash stops before and after INDE:, reverse sharper than obverse, deep glossy saddle-brown. Very Good. MOTTLED BROWN - DATE OFF FLAN.
SEE STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994 LOT # 129 AT $82.50

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, JAN, 1985

52) 1786 M.6-K Good to Very Good. Reverse off center so that tops of "ET LIB" off flan. Uncharacteristic full date visible on flan. Dark brown partly rough fields.
53) 1786 M.6-K Fine. Planchet defect on obverse figures head. The "6" in date weak although visible. White ink attribution in field. (No Provenance)

NEW NETHERLAND'S 51st SALE JUNE 18, 1958

79 15 1786. **Draped bust left,** similor to obv. type 16 of 1787. **M. 6-K.** Strictly Very Good, some cloims to Fine. Poorly struck ot 86 of dote (os olwoys), ond with o slight impairment upon the obv. rim, but extremely rore, probobly **R-7.** One of the most underroted type coins in the series. Ex Breen coll. (**$20.00**)

ROSA AMERICANA FPL#6 SPRING 1992

27 1786 Connecticut, Miller 6-K Low Rarity-6 155.9 grains Good to Very Good, about half the legends are visible, though weak in areas Once cleaned, the piece is retoning to a golden color Hey, the piece isn't going to win any beauty contests anytime soon, but, this is about the most inexpensive example of this rare variety and distinct type (only two varieties of 1786 are Draped Bust Left, and the other one is a Rarity-7) that we have ever seen! $34

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL), JULY 23, 1976

38 1786 ~~Mailed Bust Left M #5.14-S (R-7) ALMOST GOOD-3 overall. Planchet drifts and reverse dent. Some details as high as Fine~~; Mailed Bust Left M #6-K (High R-6) ALMOST GOOD-3, rough. (Lot of 2 pieces).
$40

VLACK PLATE (1965)
6-K

N. PETERS LIST SPRING, 1981
1786 DRAPED BUST LEFT (SCARCE) 6-K
G/VG $30.00,

N. PETERS LIST OCT, 1983
1786 6-K (R6) Very scarce draped bust left VG better than usually found $57.50

STACK'S 'STENBERG SALE' OCT 17, 1989

84 1786 Miller 6-K (Low R-6). Tops of RI and following C off the flan, otherwise the legends are complete. Last two digits of the date erased by a die bulge. Very deep brown, nearly black, laced on both sides with olive and tan. Very Good. TOO DARK, UNEVEN STRIKE, OFF-CENTER
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DICK AUGUST LIST, 1984

1786 Draped Bust Left, F on a well struck, light brown planchet, a very scarce type as there are only 2 dies of this type, this a 6K $150

DAVID SONDERMAN LIST 1979? WHT. 141.1 GRAINS

1786 Draped Bust Left, M.6-K (Hi R-6), again hubs by Buell, with the large letters punched in the obverse legends. An elusive transitional type coin. Fine, with a weak date as on all but one specimen we have seen. A tiny (and we mean tiny) rim clip opposite D in INDE, visible from the reverse only. Decent surafces, with a mottled reddish brown color. Always difficult to locate. TO R. MARTIN 5/84 : T. JEFFREY 150.00

6-K

MIKE RINGO LIST, FEB, 1984 WHT. 136.6 GR. R. MARTIN 4/84 - E. SARRAFIAN

5. 1786 Draped Bust Left, M.6-K. Good, light brown, no defects or damage. Nearly full legends, though date is missing. A rare type..... 35.00

ROSA AMERICANA LIST #3, 1990

34. **1786. Miller 6-K, Breen 759. Low Rarity-6. Draped Bust Left, no ornaments in legend. 139.1 grains, 28.5mm. Very Fine or so.** Golden brown, the reverse with some interesting mottled tones. Some areas of weakness, common to the variety at the obverse hair and the globe and shield on the reverse. There are a few small, very old vertical scratches in the lower left reverse field, though these are hardly visible, and not detracting. A rare variety, in demand from both die and type collectors; this one may just reach the bottom of the Condition Census.....$325

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #4 SPRING, 1991 LOT #41 (PLATE)
KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991

110.00

7212 **1786 Connecticut copper. M 6-K. VF-20. Rarity-6–.** 139.1 grains. Light golden brown obverse, darker brown reverse. Spots of verdigris visible on the reverse. Softly struck at the top of the obverse, and on the shield on the reverse, somewhat typical. Reverse left field scratched. Scarcer variety.

1786 6-K WHT. 137.5 GRAINS
VERY FINE. RELATIVELY SMOOTH DARK OLIVE BROWN. LIGHT PLANCHET STRIATION. 1/3 OF DATE OFF FLAN.
EX. MCLAUGHLIN & ROBINSON AUCTION 6/29/88 #48 AS FINE 12.
ROBERT MARTIN - 11/5/8 - M. RINGO

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #5 SUMMER, 1991

22. 1786 Miller 6-K, one of only two "Draped Bust Left" varieties for the year. Good, most of the obverse and half the reverse legends visible. An evenly worn example of this extremely tough [Low Rarity-6] variety.....$69

MIKE RINGO LIST JAN, 1991

7. 1786 DBL, M.6-K, 155.9 grains. About Good, cleaned to a brassy color. Well-worn but no major problems. 25.00

1786 6-K WHT. 194.5 GRAINS (LOW GRADE) D. FOWNSON. (1991)

STACK'S FIXED PRICE LIST DEC, 1989

C137

Stock # — Price

EX. NORWEB LOT # 2495 3/25/88 AS FIS TO VF20

C137 **1786 Miller 6-K** (low R-6). 159.47 grains. Draped bust left; 4 dash ornaments at either side of INDE and behind the head. There is a small planchet clip at the top reverse. Struck from skewed dies, weak at the upper obverse/lower reverse as usual. The date area is partly blurred, but one can see all four digits. Very Fine with some areas sharper. 650.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 18, 1990

Lot No. 2388

EX. NORWEB LOT # 2495

2388 **1786 Miller 6-K** (low R-6). Draped bust left; 4 dash ornaments at either side of INDE and behind the head. There is a small planchet clip at the top reverse. Struck from skewed dies, weak at the upper obverse/lower reverse as usual. The date area is partly blurred, but one can see all four digits. Very Fine with some areas sharper.

302.50

6-K

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

961 **1786 M.6-K. Draped Bust Left.** Low Rarity 6. Areas of Very Fine sharpness. 142.6 gns. Light olive brown. Obverse rim damaged; edge cut. Obverse off center as usually seen, to upper left, tops TORI off flan. In date, 86 typically soft but still legible. Center of obverse discolored by the adhesive from an old, square collector's ticket; scratched. Square paper ticket with attribution number affixed to center of reverse. "6-K" painted in yellowed white on left obverse field. From the **Hall Collection.** Exact die states uncertain but apparently perfect.

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Originally, from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection; thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd via unknown intermediaries. Round card ticket with "circle H" accompanies this lot.

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #4 SUMMER, 1994 LOT #117 AT $299.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE JULY 13, 1994

17 **Connecticut Coppers.** ~~1785 Miller 4.3-D (R-4). About Good;~~ **1786 M.6-K** (low R-6). Draped bust l., 2 reverse dents. Good; ~~1787 M.27-bb (R-5). ET LIR reverse, attribution tentative. Good; 1788 M.14.1-2 (R-4). Mailed bust l. About Good. All corroded.~~ 4 pieces. **SOLD AS IS. NO RETURNS.**

126.00

ROSA AMERICANA FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

VERY RARE 1786 MILLER 6-K ?

Draped Bust Left Design
Possible Condition Census Example

SEE ROSA AMERICANA FPL #3, 1990 LOT #34 & KINGSWOOD 'DARTMOUTH SALE' FEB 20, 1991 LOT 7212 (PLATE) AT $110.00

41. **1786. Miller 6-K, Breen 759. Low Rarity-6. Draped Bust Left, no ornaments in legend. 139.1 grains,. Very Fine.** Light golden brown obverse, the reverse with mottled tones of a slightly darker shade. Some areas of weakness, common to the variety, at the obverse hair and the globe and shield on the reverse; the legends are full and sharp and the date is complete, though the last two digits are slightly weak. There are a few small, very old vertical scratches in the lower left field, though they are hardly visible, and not at all detracting. One of the nicest examples to come on the market in recent times, much finer than either the Taylor or Norweb coins; the present example may just reach the bottom of the Condition Census. A rare variety, and a distinct type coin. In constant demand from collectors.. (PLATE).....$349

J. ROCK CENSUS The Condition Census for the variety appears to be as follows:

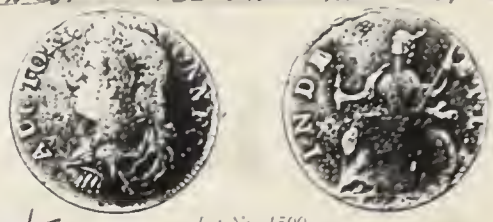
1) Oechsner: 1058, Extremely Fine, at $1760.
2) Stack's 2/77: 28, Extremely Fine, obv. striated and with a large flan crack.
3) Miller-Garrett: 1349, Very Fine/Extremely Fine.
4) EAC '75: 65, Very Fine, light defects.
5) Rothert [Bowers and Ruddy, 11/73]: 233, Very Fine.
6) This coin.
7) Stack's 1989 Fixed Price List, Very Fine, weak, at $650.
8) Norweb: 2495, Fine/Very Fine.
9) Taylor. 2386, Fine+.

STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993

962 **1786 M.6-K. DBL.** Another. Low Rarity 6. Fine, some details of Very Fine. 137.3 gns. Dark gray-brown. Surfaces granular; minor obverse, slightly heavier reverse flaws. Obverse legends full, reverse's tight on flan at right, just top of 6 in date shows. Apparently perfect dies. DARK

160 / 240.00 / 264.00

COIN GALLERIES SALE APRIL 12, 1995



$374 — Lot No. 1500

1500 **1786 M.6-K (High R-6).** Draped Bust Left. Fine. 153.7 grains. Large letters, last C low in CONNEC:, reverse stops are four dashes forming an elongated 'cross.' E in INDE looks like a ligate AE, its punctuation a colon over a dot atop Liberty's spray. Wonderfully smooth reddish brown, struck measurably off center.

ROSA AMERICANA NO FPL #4 SPRING, 1991

42. 1786. Miller 6-K, another. 155.9 grains. Good or slightly better. Most of the obverse legend is visible, though some of the letters are extremely weak. On the reverse, INDE: is sharp, the remainder cannot be made out. Light golden brown, with no real problems other than plain honest wear. A most acceptable example of this scarce variety—which is in constant demand from both type and variety collectors.....$89

Aside from the various counterfeits of 1786, the Draped Bust Left type is the scarcest major type for the year, with only two varieties following this obverse design, and less than 40 examples known of both of those varieties combined. ?

STACK'S SALE MARCH 22, 1994

129 **1786 M.6-K. MBL. Low R-6.** About Fine, weaker in most details. 135.3 gns. Brown and dark olive green. Surfaces relatively hard, smooth. EX HESSBERG

From our sale of the Edward Hessberg Collection, June 1991, lot 1368. AT $99 —

1% / 1% / 82

McCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3rd C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

238. TEN CONNECTICUT COPPERS: 1786 M.6-K DBL (R-5) G4 113.8. Scarce type for the year. Some details stronger, others not, but irrelevant given its overall condition. Black tan and orange, porous with scattered flaws.

6-K

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #12 SPRING 1997

100 1786 Connecticut. Miller 6-K, the rare Draped Bust Left type. Low Rarity-6. 148.8 grains. Choice Fine, a bit weaker than that grade level at the absolute centers of the coin, but easily of the grade assigned elsewhere. The legends are full, mostly bold, with just the CO of CONNEC a bit weak and the very tops of LIB off the planchet. The date is partially visible, affected by the weakness at the lower part of the seated Liberty. Medium brown surfaces with some very faint roughness, not detracting. The reverse has two insignificant laminations on Liberty's shield, again not detracting. Overall a pleasing example of this rare variety and major type, one of just two examples of the year to have a Draped Bust facing left [and the other, Miller 7-K is virtually uncollectible], which means that it is in constant demand from both variety and type collectors. The math is easy to figure out: with roughly 30 coins extant in all grades and several hundred collectors, the old laws of supply and demand should start affecting price in an upwards way. Right now, this seems darned cheap at just.....$279

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST #13 SUMMER 1998

168. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 6-K, another. 151.5 grains. Very Fine, the absolute centers a bit weaker than that grade level, as struck. This one has full, bold legends, the very tips of ETLIB tight against the edge of the planchet, though all there. The date is full, the last two digits of the date weaker than the rest, but visible. Very nice design detail on either side, with sharp drapery detail on the obverse and an extremely sharp branch on the reverse. Attractive light brown surfaces, generally hard There are three very small striations on the obverse and a couple of smaller ones on the reverse, quite a bit nicer than usually found. The reverse has two shallow dents at the center of the reverse, fairly well hidden within the drapery detail, and only slightly distracting. Nearly as sharp as the above coin, and though lacking the lighter color and surface gloss as that piece, still an extremely attractive example of a difficult variety and a rare type coin. Probably close to the tail end of the Condition Census, we have records of only a small number of VF's scattered at the tail end, and this one is sharper than some of them. If the above coin is out of your price range for the issue, this one is a more than affordable substitute at.....$229

1786 M.6-K Wht.113.8 Grains. Good. Dark Brown. Devices partly highlighted. Full date.
Ken Mote to Mike Spencer 12/7/96.

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

TWO EXAMPLES OF THE RARE MILLER 6-K
The Only Collectible Draped Bust Left Issue of the Year

119 1786 Connecticut. Miller 6-K, the rare Draped Bust Left type. Low Rarity-6. 137.8 grains. Very Fine, and well struck for an issue that is notorious for weak and erratic strikes. This one has full legends, though one or two letters are a bit weaker than their neighbors. About half the date is visible, though weak. Nearly full drapery detail on the obverse bust, and a sharp branch on the reverse all attest to a VF grade. Light brown surfaces, evenly matte-like and with a darker toning spot at the EC of CONNEC. There is a microscopic planchet flaw on the obverse effigy's head, of no note, and an ancient hairline scratch at the upper reverse which is now toned down to the color of the coin and not all that apparent without a glass. Overall, a most pleasing example of this rare type coin. One of only two 1786 varieties to use a Draped Bust Left obverse [the other, Miller 7-K, is virtually uncollectible], which means it is in constant demand from both variety and type collectors. The majority of this type seem to be in grades of Fine or less. This one offers not only high condition, good eye appeal and rarity, but it manages to offer all of that at just.....$349

SEE MCCAWLE & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997 LOT #155 (PLATE) AS FINE IS AT $880.00
ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #11 SPRING 1996

120 1786 Connecticut. Miller 6-K, another. 166.5 grains. Very Fine in terms of strike and wear received. Full legends, those on the right just a bit weaker than the ones on the left; the first two digits of the date are visible. Good design detail on either side, with full drapery design on the obverse effigy and a sharp dress, hair and branch on Liberty on the reverse. Medium brown surfaces, with golden highlights. The coin is lightly but evenly rough; the roughness is shallow and thus doesn't obscure any of the finer details and actually isn't all that detracting overall. A pleasing and inexpensive example of this rare major type coin, and perfect for the collector who doesn't want to spend $300 for a specimen just slightly nicer.....$159

This is one of the heaviest examples of the variety that we've recorded, well over the statuatory weight for the series and representing a loss to the coiners!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

118 1786 Connecticut, Miller 6-K, another. 169.1 grains. Very Good. NNE of CONNEC weak on the obverse, as is ET LIB and the date on the reverse; the central details are sharp and fully of the grade level assigned. Medium brown planchet, with just the most miniscule of pre-striking flaws—this variety is usually seen on quite defective planchet stock, so coins that have anything close to clean surfaces are automatically rare. Good eye appeal, with strong central details, good color and pleasing surfaces—it just goes to show that some lower grade coins can still be attractive and fully deserving of a "Premium Quality" designation. This one is also available for a very attractive price.....$99

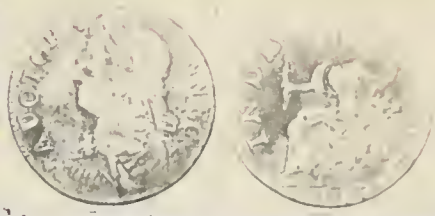
6-K

STACK'S 'BOYD-RYDER' JUNE 8, 1994

*48 **1786 M.6-K. Draped Bust Left.** R-5 (revised). Very Fine, rough on both right sides. 139.5 gns. Reverse slightly off center. Olive and golden brown. Die states uncertain. This could be a low CC coin. FINE, ROUGH

100-
130-
143-

Accompanied by a small square ticket annotated on one side by Ryder, on the other by an older, unidentified hand.



ROSA AMERICANA LTD (J. ROCK) FPL #10 SPRING, 1995

THE RARE AND POPULAR MILLER 6-K
Draped Bust Left Type
THE HILLYER RYDER COIN!

112 1786 Connecticut, Miller 6-K, the rare Draped Bust Left type. Low Rarity-6. 139.5 grains. Very Fine, and quite well struck for the variety. Full legends and date, the letters at the right side of the coin a little bit weaker than those on the left, as struck. The central details are as bold as we've ever seen, with great drapery detail on the obverse, a sharp ornament and dress detail on the reverse. Medium brown surfaces with a few absolutely insginficant planchet striations on either side that are mentioned solely for accuracy. No post-striking damage or defect, quite unusual for this rare issue. This is the HILLYER RYDER coin, and is accompanied by his handwritten lot ticket—a fascinating piece of numismatic ephemera, from one of the most knowledgable collectors of all time. A very rare variety, in constant demand as it is one of only two Draped Bust Left varieties for the entire year [and the other, Miller 7-K, is virtually uncollectable], thus in demand from both variety and type collectors. A very pleasing and attractive example, with an incomparable pedigree.....$329

The small paper ticket that accompanies this piece has Ryder's writing on one side, and an older attribution on the other side [where the coin is attributed to Crosby], in an unknown hand but possibly that of Henry Chapman. The price is given as $2.00 on this side—a very high price for an era when Connecticut coppers often realized 10-50 cents apiece at auction!

ROSA AMERICANA LTD. (J. ROCK) FPL #9 SUMMER, 1994

RARE 1786 MILLER 6-K
Draped Bust Left Type
The Dr. Hall-Hillyer Ryder-F.C.C. Boyd coin!

117 1786 Connecticut, Miller 6-K, rare Draped Bust Left design type. Low Rarity-6. 142.6 grains. Very Fine, and quite well struck for the variety. Full legends and date (a few letters are slightly weak) which are quite unusual for the variety as the date usually comes very weak. Warm light brown color, on a hard planchet which is free of the laminations usually seen. There is a small obverse rim cut which is quite ancient and looks almost like a striking defect at first glance. Painted die variety on the obverse in white ink that has yellowed with age. Square area of discoloration at the center of the obverse where a collector had glued an attribution label that has long since been removed or lost. The reverse does have a square lot ticket glued to the center with the attribution [in a different hand than the painted die variety on the obverse]. This is the DR. THOMAS HALL coin, later in the Ryder and Boyd collections and accompanied by Ryder's original round cardboard ticket with his pedigree and cost code information—a fascinating piece of numismatic ephemera. A very rare variety, in constant demand as it is one of only two Draped Bust left varieties of the year [and the other, Miller 7-K is virtually uncollectable], and as a major type coin in its' own right. A very pleasing example, made even more appealing by the pedigree chain of former owners—almost a "Who's Who" list of colonial collectors from the 1890s on! EX STACK'S SALE SEPT 9, 1993 LOT #961 .....$299

From Michael Hodder's footnote: "Originally, from the Dr. Thomas Hall Collection; thence, to Hillyer Ryder, F.C.C. Boyd via unknown intermediaries."

6-K

1786 6-K VERY FINE(20). TAN COLOR
JIM GOUDGE COLLECTION???

6-K

MCCAWLEY & GRELLMAN 3RD C4 SALE NOV 8, 1997

1786 DRAPED BUST LEFT CONNECTICUT

55-
80-
88-

155. 1786 CONNECTICUT M.6-K Draped Bust Left (R-5) F15 166.3 gns. A major type, it and the much rarer M.7-K are the only 1786 dated draped bust left issues in the series. Deep chocolate brown fields with golden highlights but the surfaces are corroded and rough, particularly the obverse. The left legends are bold, the right ones somewhat weakened. The drapery on the bust is distinct, and the date is partial, the 17 is fairly clear and the 86 can be made out with some effort and faith. Actually the date here is clearer than on most. At the time of the EAC 75 sale, the example in lot 65, one of the finest known and a Strong VF, was described in part as "The only one we have ever seen with full clear date; usually this variety comes weak at 86 so that the date must be deduced from die identity" When found these often are ugly or at least problematic, rarely showing detail greater than this and more frequently less.

SEE ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL# 11 SPRING 1996 LOT# 120

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FIXED PRICE LIST # 13 SUMMER 1998

167. 1786 Connecticut. Miller 6-K, the Draped Bust Left type. Low Rarity-6. 152.3 grains. ~~Extremely Fine~~, and an exceptional example of a notoriously difficult variety. The strike is bold, much stronger than any other example of the variety that we've seen; the peripheral legends are full and sharp. The date, which is seldom visible at all, even on higher grade coins, is here sharp, the very bottom of the 6 off the planchet due to centering, as almost always found. The central design details were apparently cut too deep and are never found fully struck up; this one has full, bold drapery detail on the obverse, though a bit weaker at the head and face, while the reverse is strong at the upper portion of the seated figure. As if strike wasn't enough to take the coin out of the ordinary, this piece features exceptionally choice light golden brown color and is free of all but the most trivial of circulation marks – this is almost unheard of for the issue, which invariably comes on dark planchet stock and is usually rough or damaged. This is truly an exceptional example of a rare variety and an extremely difficult type coin – the Draped Bust left design is found on only two varieties of this year and the other one, Miller 7-K, is virtually uncollectable The only distinctly finer example that we recall seeing was the Choice EF coin in the Oecshner sale which was purchased by a noted colonial dealer for his personal collection for $1760; two coins in EF are reported as being in other noted large collections of this series. Everything else that we have seen has been in much lower grade – the EAC '75 coin was a Choice VF, as was the Miller-Garrett piece, while the best Taylor could find was a rough VF, Norweb had a solid VF, the 1997 C4 Convention contained a rough Fine and the Hessberg coin was only a VG! Easily the finest example that we have ever had the privilege of offering, and certainly one of the finest in existence, probably ranking in the top three or four spots within the Condition Census, but with eye appeal that is many, many times nicer than what can normally be found for this issue. We cannot overemphasize just how incredible it is to find a Miller 6-K with choice color and surfaces, though we know that the Connecticut copper specialist or choice type collector will certainly appreciate the unique opportunity to obtain a coin that will NEVER have to be upgraded! ALSO ROSA AMERICANA FPL# 14 LOT# 134 SUMMER 1999 ..... $1299

EX STACK'S SALE JAN 14, 1998 LOT# 238 (PLATE) AS TECH VF AT $467.50

STACK'S SALE "PERKINS" JAN 14, 1998

*238 1786 M.6-K. DBL. R-5. 152.3 gns. A technical Very Fine and possibly even a choice one, at that. Areas of sharpness considerably lower than VF due to soft strike, but judging from the surfaces and lack of serious wear VF doesn't seem too high for the coin. Light golden brown on both sides, the color uniform. Surfaces micro-granular with some old, stray hits. Old, stabilized toning spot about in the center of the reverse, cuprous oxide in the center with discoloration surrounding. Most of the date shows. Very close in quality to the Garrett specimen and overall nicer than almost all of the 6-K's we have seen. This coin is near the bottom end of the Condition Census for the number. We have records of 25 different specimens of M.6-K.

400-
425
467

Ex Richard August Collection

Obverse die roughened in right field, appearing as crumbling in the left obverse of the coin. Reverse essentially perfect.

238

6-K

ROSA AMERICANA LTD FPL #14 SUMMER 1999

135. 1786 Connecticut Copper. Miller 6-K, another. 127.6 grains. Very Fine, some details just a bit weaker than that grade level, as struck. This one is rather nice for the issue, the legends bold and sharp save for the first C of CONNEC, which is lost to an old nick. The date is weak, but all of the digits are visible, unusual for the variety, which often comes completely dateless. Very sharp design detail on either side, the obverse showing all of the drapery lines in the bust, the reverse weak at the central and lower parts of the seated figure, but with a sharp branch and ornamentation in the legends. Medium brown surfaces, the obverse with the nick at the C mentioned above, and another between the AU of AUCTORI and two shallow ones that are hidden in the obverse effigy's hair; a few light circulation marks on either side are consistent with the grade level, and don't really detract much from the piece. While the color and surfaces aren't nearly as choice as the above coin, this is still an extremely respectable example of this rare variety and naked-eye type coin, one of only two obverse dies for the entire year to have a Draped Bust facing Left, and the other one, Miller 7-K, an extreme rarity in the series – which means that the small surviving population of Miller 6-K's is spread quite thin between variety and type collectors. This one will certainly please at our price of just.....$379

From the Rob Retz collection of Connecticut coppers.

7-K

PINE TREE 'EAC '75 SALE' FEB 15, 1975

66 **1786. M. 7-K.** R-7. Similar but stars follow obv. colons; two ribbon ends. **Almost Fine,** mostly evenly but weakly struck, first star rather faint but everything else legible including full date. Even in this grade, **it is one of the finest known,** exceeded in our experience only by the sharper Crosby Plate coin, but considerably better than the Miller Plate coin. **No auction records in many decades.** This may be high in the Rarity 7 level; first we have actually handled outside the ANS museum. **(Photo)** **($300.–up)**

$290

EAC '75

66

NEW ENGLAND SALE (BUCKLEY COLL) JULY 23, 1976

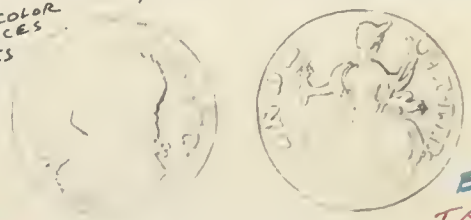
39 1786 Draped Bust Left M #7-K (R-7) VERY GOOD-10, pleasing.

$260

Second 1786 M 7-K

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

NICE COLOR & SURFACES DATE IS JUST LEGIBLE OK



EAC '75

TAYLOR

$275

2389 **1786 Connecticut. M 7-K. Draped Bust Left.** 147.8 grains. Same die alignment as last. **Rarity-7.** Overall, VG-8 with some areas of sharper definition. A second example of this rare variety, light golden brown on a smooth, nonporous planchet. Date weak, but legible, all other design details as the grade suggests.

From the Pine Tree E.A.C. Convention Sale, February 1975. Lot 66

513

SEE TAYLOR & BREEN PLATE

PINE TREE 'BROWN LIBRARY' MAY 21, 1976

ONE OF THE FINEST KNOWN

513 **1786. M. 7-K** (R-7). **Fine/VF,** rev. sharpest struck, plain date and lettering.

$160

Some obv. planchet granularity, and three or four minor to medium defects. Two "clipped" areas on edge, as struck, with raised regions on rim opposite give flan a slightly irregular appearance but not seriously so. Miller attribution penned in white on obv. in left and right fields. Rich brown patina. Better than 1975 E. A. C. sale lot 66 which sold for $290and which we said was one of the finest known and exceeded in our experience only by the sharper Crosby Plate coin, but considerably better than the Miller Plate coin.

1786 M 7-K

Among the Finest Known

BOWER'S 'TAYLOR SALE' MARCH 27, 1987

DENTS

BREEN PLATE

BROWN LIBRARY

TAYLOR

$302.50

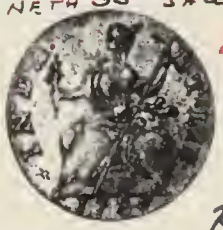
2388 **1786 Connecticut. M 7-K. Draped Bust Left.** 139.3 grains. 175 **Rarity-7.** Overall, **VF-20,** the reverse certainly that sharp, the obverse perhaps a little softer. Three edge dents (not clips). Slightly granular, golden brown. Miller attribution number painted on the obverse. Finer than the Pine Tree E.A.C. specimen.

From the Pine Tree John Carter Brown Library Collection Sale, May 1976. Lot 513.

STACK'S ROPER COLL" SEE NEW NETH 33rd SALE 4/13/51 #779 DEC 7, 1983

RED BOOK PLATE COIN (1989)

SEE COLOR PHOTO

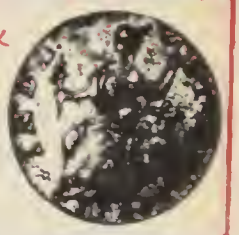


RED BOOK PLATE

XF DARK OK

ROPER

7-K



TO DICK AUGUST

Lot No. 235

(235) **1786 Draped Bust Left. Miller 7-K.** 138.5 grains. Stars after colons. **Another coin that is rare as a variety and as a type** and this is as nice as we have seen. Well struck up with strong features including the all important date. The surfaces are dark brown and matte-like, but there are no scratches or defects. An important coin, the precursor to the plentiful 1787 draped bust issue. **Very Fine.** $495 → DICK AUGUST

SEE ROPER LOT # 235 DEC 7, 1983

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54) 1786 M.7-K Basically Extremely Fine (35-40). Well centered and struck on a smooth mottled tan planchet with darker mottlings. *

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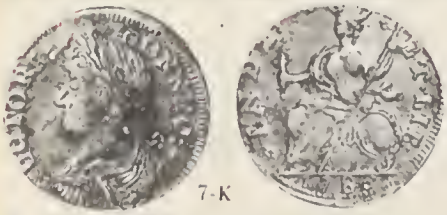
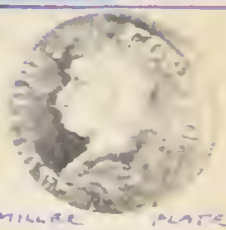


7-K

SEE MILLER TEXT PLATE OBVERSE

SIMILAR OBVERSE OFF-CENTERING AS ANS SPECIMEN



MILLER PLATE OBV. TEXT

HENRY C. MILLER SALE' MAY 29, 1920

1857 1786. C. 7-K. R. 5 V.Fair. 1.9

7-K

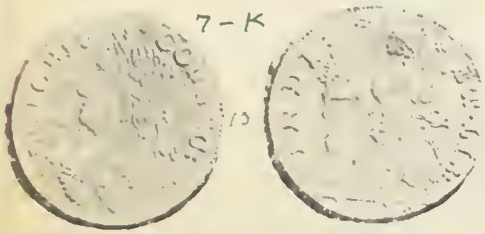
NEW NETHERLAND'S 33RD SALE APRIL 13-14, 1951

779 CONNECTICUT CENT. 1786. Draped bust left. The only 1786 die with the starred obverse—AUCTORI : * * CONNEC : *. Miller 7-K. Rarity 6. This specimen which is almost Ex. Fine has the full date and is far superior to the piece illustrated on Pl. II of Miller-Ryder or the one on page 9 of the Standard Catalog. Steel color. Probably the finest known specimen of one of the rarest Connecticut Cents. If a Large Cent, this coin would be in the $150. class. SEE STACK'S ROPER SALE 12/7/83 # 235

SEE COLOR PHOTO BELOW
ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.7-K
EXTREMELY FINE+
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

CROSBY PLATE (1875)

7-K



STANDARD CATALOUGE (1947)

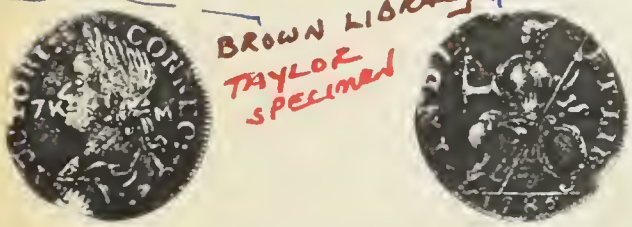
7-K

SIMILAR?

RED BOOK PLATE (1976)

BREEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA PLATE (1988)

760 1786 Blunt stars in obv. legend. Ex. rare.
M. 7-K. Obv. of **801**; rev. as last, 86 weak. Crosby, Pl. V, 10.
Roper:235, 138.5 grs. = 8.97 gms., VF, $495.



BROWN LIBRARY & TAYLOR SPECIMEN

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ERIC P. NEWMAN COLLECTION
1786 M.7-K
EXTREMELY FINE+
EX DR. HALL COLLECTION

PASTE-IN [illegible] NEWMAN SALE [illegible] 30074 AS AU58 @ $8,170.50

7-K; 150.1 gr; ink on edge; original envelope stolen

7-K

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BIENNIAL PAIRINGS OF CONNECTICUT OBVERSES E. BARNSLEY

Obverse 7 of 1786

also known as

Obverse 29.1 of 1787

This obverse die was paired with reverse K of 1786, and three times with 1787 reverses, namely: a.2, n, and p. The sequence order of its strikings has not been established.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY JAN 1985

ANS Collection Connecticut Coppers

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PASTE IN [illegible] FORD SALE [illegible]
FOR MILLER SALE [illegible]

7-K

Dick August Collection Nov 21, 1998.
1786 7-K Extremely Fine(40). Dark Brown, matte-like surfaces.
Ex. Stack's "Roper Sale" Dec 7, 1983 Lot#235 (Plate).
Red Book Pate Coin (1989). ROPER #235

SEE NEW NETHERLANDS 33rd SALE 4/13/1957 LOT #779

1 LOT OF 2 CONNECTICUT 1786 COPPER PENNIES

You are signed in 1786 7-K

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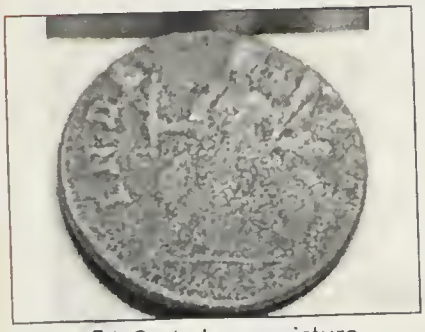

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8-0.1
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1786
M. 8-0.1

CNL NO. 11 MARCH, 1964 ED BRENSLEY

DELETE
8-0.1

Obverse 8 and its combination with 0.1 are dropped in spite of the fact H. C. Miller regarded the same as being true varieties. He said, "This curious piece is not an overstrike." We agree that the piece is indeed not an overstrike; instead, it is without doubt a double-strike of the combination 5.4-0.1. The obverse alone is pictured in Miller as well as in the sale catalogue of his personal collection. In fact this die has since become regarded as a type Connecticut by virtue of the fact it has been repeatedly illustrated in the various issues of Whitman's Guidebook of United States Coins, until its deletion from the 1964 edition. The reverse, however, has not been thus illustrated, so the striking of this side has never been available for study. The coin itself dropped out of sight after it was sold at auction, May 29, 1920. Therefore until it reappears, we are removing it from the approved check list, thereby concurring with W. H. Breen who stated in 1958, "This conclusion is subject to revision when the Miller coin becomes available." (Blundered Dies of Colonial and U. S. Coins in Empire Topics, No. 2., P. 17, Item 52).

MILLER PLATE

1786 M. 8-0.1
"UCTORI CONNEC"

Vol. 2 APRIL, 1961 COLONIAL NEWSLETTER No. 2

Since 1920 there have been many more changes to Miller than Picker's memo indicated. Other new combinations have been discovered in the intervening years, and several more have been disapproved, as for example the unique 8-0(1) of 1786. It now appears that this obv. 8 with its curious legend, UCTORI: CONNEC:, is is simply a double striking of obv. 5(4). The unique discovery specimen of obv. 8 was illustrated on the Miller plate, but the present whereabouts of the coin is unknown. In spite of published information, the current edition of "Guidebook of United States Coins" has added Miller's same halftone to Yeoman's well known catalogue, and priced the only example of this doublestrike at $8.00 in Good, and $19.00 in Fine condition!

MILLER PLATE

HENRY C. MILLER SALE, MAY 26-29, 1920

1858 1786. Rarity reading UCTORI: CONNEC: Rx. curiosity misstruck.
7.25 C. 8-O. VG.V.R. Plate.

COLONIAL NEWSLETTER MAY, 1991 SERIAL NO. 88 P. 1247 J. ROCK

8-0.1 -- This bizarre piece, the obverse of which was illustrated in the Miller work, is actually a double struck specimen of 5.4-0.1, with the mutually obliterative striking causing the obverse legend to read "UCTORI CONNEC." It was dropped from the Miller listing in 1958.

DELETION

8-0.1